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Coal Crisis Threatens Britain

"Hand In Your Notices"
Call To Miners
FIGHT FOR JUSTICE
National Stoppage To Follow
Failure To Reach Satisfactory Settlement

LONDON, May 5. A call to the mine workers of Great Britain, signed by the President, vice-President and Secretary of the Mine Workers' Federation of Great Britain, was issued to-day asking miners "to hand in your notices" to show that they are "invincibly determined to fight for justice."

It adds: "This may or may not mean a national stoppage, but by handing in the notices the miners in honour bind themselves to participate in a national stoppage if a satisfactory settlement cannot be obtained".—Reuter.

Barcelona Returns to Normal

Catalan Delegates Leave
For Valencia To Report On Events

VALENCIA, May 5. "Calm has actually returned to Barcelona, the Unions and political parties are restoring order and everyone is returning to work", states a Communique issued early this morning by the Republican Cabinet after daylong consideration of the Barcelona crisis.

"The Party of Catalan delegates who will report to Government on the events are leaving Barcelona for Valencia. Government has taken every measure to bring a rapid solution to the Catalan situation, although it considers that their application will not be necessary and that order will be restored in Barcelona".—Reuter.

BRITISH CRUISER FOR BARCELONA

LONDON, May 5. The Scandinavian suggestion aiming at the protection of non-intervention ships has been submitted to the Non-Intervention Committee.

It is proposed that neutral ships which observers have examined under the Non-Intervention Scheme and which fly the Non-Intervention Flag should be protected from Spanish interference by ships of the four nations carrying out the Naval patrol off the Spanish coast.

A questionnaire will probably be drawn up asking the various Government's observations on it. As a precautionary measure, the British cruiser "Dispatch" and the destroyer "Hostile" are en route to Barcelona where there are 200 Britons including the Consul Mr. Norman King and the Vice-Consul Mr. Everson.—Reuter.

84 SOVIET SHIPS INTERFERED WITH?

In connection with the Scandinavian request non-intervention Committee has decided to invite the Governments represented on the Committee to furnish at the earliest possible moment, a statement with regard to any of their ships interfered with by (Continued on page 7 col. 1)

Baldwin's Homily To Commons

"Show This Democracy Can Still Practise Peace In World Of Strife"

LONDON, May 5. What is probably Mr. Baldwin's last speech in the House of Commons was delivered this afternoon, and it was a characteristic appeal for peace.

Major Attlee had drawn attention to the possibility of a coal strike which, he assumed, would curtail the parliamentary Whitsun recess.

BALDWIN'S HOMILY Mr. Baldwin, in a homily, stressed the responsibility of leaders under Democracy at which totalitarian nations scoffed.

The mining dispute required most delicate and most sympathetic handling. There would have to be some face-saving.

The bulk of the world admired through the economic blizzard as a great testimony to Democracy, really functioning and settling difficulties in a manner which was far harder than fighting.

DEMOCRACY AND PEACE

After pointing out the meaning of the Coronation and the fact that the whole world's eyes are focused on London. The Premier, in moving terms, appealed to the handful of men with whom industrial peace rests to rend and dissipate the dark clouds and show the world that this Democracy can still practise the arts of peace in a world of strife.

The speech was greeted with loud cheers.—Reuter's Special.

Indians Not To Participate

LONDON, May 5. In connection with the announcement that Dominion troops will guard the Royal Palaces next week, it is learned that the Indians will not participate in the guard as the contingent is unsuitably composed for this purpose, as it consists mainly of officers and orderlies.—Reuter's Special.

Advice To Britons

SANTANDER, May 5. British subjects have been advised to leave by the British Embassy.—Reuter's Special.

BURMA'S EX-POLICE CHIEF DEAD

LONDON, May 5. The death has occurred of Lieut.-Colonel Henry Parkin, Ex-Inspector-General of Police, Burma.—Reuter.

Arrange Gandhi-Viceroy Meeting

IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCEDE MEN'S DEMANDS

London Transport Board Chairman Before Court Of Inquiry

LONDON, May 5. The London Passenger Transport Board's side of the question in the bus dispute which has now lasted five days was presented to the Court of Inquiry to-day.

Lord Ashfield, the Chairman of the Board, contended that it was financially impossible to concede the men's demands for a seven-and-half-hour day. He declared that if all the demands before them were granted, it would cost the Board, 26,000,000 sterling annually. Of last year's receipts of 31 million sterling, 51 per cent went on wages and salaries. C. stock only received four per cent. last year. The standard rate under the act was five and a half.

The General Manager of the Board, giving evidence previously, said that the claim for a seven and a half-hour day would involve a cost of 650,000. The Court of Inquiry anticipate that they will present an 'interim' report to the Ministry of Labour to-morrow night.—Reuter.

UNIQUE HONOUR FOR DOMINION TROOPS

LONDON, May 5. The Dominion troops now in London for the Coronation will be accorded the unprecedented honour of mounting guard at Buckingham and St. James's Palaces next week.

According to present arrangements only Australia will take full the guard of twenty-four hours, the others taking six-hour periods. The guard duties will be: Sunday—Canada; Monday—Australia; Tuesday—New Zealand; Thursday—South Africa.

Collector & Bhopatkar Leave For Bombay

POONA TEMPLE SATYAGRAH DEVELOPMENTS

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, May 5. In all 55 persons including one woman, two local practising lawyers, one leading Hindu contractor, one wealthy Saraf and one jatha of four satyagrahis hailing from Pandharpur offered Satyagraha before Sonya Maruti temple to-day till 8-45 p.m. to-night.

Mr. E. W. Trotman, Collector Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar and Mr. S. L. Karandikar are reported to have gone to Bombay where important developments regarding Sonya Maruti question are reported likely to follow. A deputation of Sardar is reported to be waiting on the Collector to-morrow in the same connection.

BHOPATKAR TO OFFER SATYAGRAHA

POONA, May 5. The "United Press" reliably understands that Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, Leader of the Democratic Swaraj Party, will offer Satyagraha before the Sonya Maruti Temple on the morning of May 7.—United Press.

POONA D. M. MEETS CHIEF MINISTER

Mr. Smythe, Commissioner, Central Division, and Mr. E. W. Trotman, Collector, Poona, arrived this morning in Bombay. They

Only Way Out Of 'Impasse'

Snell's Suggestion In To-day's Lords' Debate

LONDON, May 5. The House of Lords will debate the Constitutional position in India to-morrow.

Lord Snell will put a question as to whether with a view to getting rid of the present difficulties, a meeting can be arranged between the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi.

Lord Zetland will reply for the Government. The debate will begin at about 4-30 p.m.—Reuter.

Prisoners Don Sentries' Uniforms And Fight The Police

AHMEDABAD, May 5. According to a report received here to-day 8 prisoners serving a long term in the Radhanpur State Jail have made a bold dash for liberty.

The report states that one of the prisoners overpowered a sentry who took meals in the barracks. He then liberated his companions. All of them having come outside the barracks fought with other two sentries and rendered them unconscious. Some of them donned the uniform and seized the sentries' two pistols. The prisoners then are reported to have raided the ammunition store and taken possession of all cartridges and rifles.

More police in the meantime arrived but being fully armed the prisoners opened fire and the police were unable to do anything. The prisoners left the jail defying the police and the crowd by firing incessant volleys and made good their escape.

The State police are combing the country-side in search of the prisoners.—United Press.

"ROME-BERLIN AXIS" REAFFIRMED

Both Governments Out To Achieve Stability In Europe

ROME, May 5. The so-called Rome-Berlin axis was re-affirmed at recent meetings of Baron Von Neurath, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano, at the conclusion of which a communique has been issued stating that the exchange of views confirmed the close parallelism of interests and identity of aims of the two countries and affirmed the determination of the two Governments to continue to follow a concordant policy in all major questions, and continue efforts towards wider collaboration with other powers to ensure the essential conditions for greater and surer political and economic stability of Europe.—Reuter.

FURTHER INQUIRIES regarding the proposal to set up a statutory sugar committee show that at the meeting of the Sugar Committee of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research which concluded yesterday, the main point discussed was the reconstitution and enlargement of the existing Sugar Committee, principally by the addition of more representatives of growers, and the Committee made some recommendations on this point.

FIVE LAKHS FOR SUGAR COMMITTEE

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As already stated, the proposal to constitute a Sugar Committee has been approved by Government, who have also agreed to place five lakhs of rupees at the disposal of the proposed Committee, but the main condition that the Royal Commission of the Agriculture laid down for the constitution of such committees is that the industry concerned must be prepared to put up the funds.

It is therefore, for the various Sugar associations to state now whether they would undertake to comply with this condition. It is recalled that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce has already generally expressed agreement to this proposal.

It was emphasised in the course of the proceedings of the Committee that the direction in which funds should, in future be utilised should not be so much in research as to bringing to the grower's door the results of research, particularly improved varieties and improved methods.

The Committee also decided to publish the results of the research so far carried out by Sugar stations. Both in tasting varieties and in the evolution of properly balanced manure. The publication is expected to be in the nature of a semi-technical bulletin for the guidance of the industry.

The Committee will hold its next meeting in November.—A.P.

SOME JUTE MILLS RESUME WORK

CALCUTTA, May 5.

The improvement in the jute strike situation is being steadily maintained. This morning five more mills in the Jagadial area, in Barrackpore sub-division, resumed work in addition to the engineering works at Titagarh.

The total number of mills that have gone back to work since Monday is 12: namely, the Alexandria, Alliance, Anglo-India, Auckland, Craig, Gondalpara, Kankinara, Megna, Reliance, Waverley, Cheviot, and Caledonian mills. It is estimated that about 50 per cent. of the mills so far affected have resumed work.—A. P.

U. P. Cabinet Raises "Red" Scare

Independence Is Undesirable In Best Interests Of Country, It Says

The United Provinces Cabinet has issued a lengthy statement of its policy and programme after a meeting over which the Governor presided.

"Red" Scare

The statement says that the Ministry does not stand for Independence "which is impracticable and undesirable in the best interests of the country" and declares that "first and foremost, it will do everything in its power to combat the evil of communism which threatens to destroy the body politic."

Tenant Problem

As regards the tenantry the Cabinet statement observes that "mere reductions in rents will not help them, nor solve the problem. The Ministry wants that the wealth of the tenantry should be increased."

LUCKNOW, May 5.

A new Cabinet meeting record was set up to-day when the U. P. Cabinet, at which the Governor presided, after a four hours sitting declared their policy and programme.

A statement says that the Ministry has not been content with marking time, and it has been busy during the last four weeks evolving plans for a far-reaching advance in all the different departments of the Government.

The Ministry does not stand for Independence, which is impracticable and undesirable in the best interests of the country. It yields to none, however, in its determination to achieve Dominion Status in the shortest time possible.

The statement reiterates that first and foremost the Ministry will do everything in its power to combat the evil of Communism which threatens to destroy the body politic. Compulsory expropriation and revolution in the existing order of society portends a great danger to the country.

The Ministry feels that the agrarian problem is perhaps the most important so far as the United Provinces are concerned. It proposes embarking on a comprehensive programme of agrarian reform which will result in remedying many of the ills from which the tenantry suffers at the present moment. The matter needs thorough investigation and enquiry, and the Government are contemplating methods to be adopted, including an examination of amendments to be made in the Agra and Oudh Tenancy Acts.

The Ministry lays much greater emphasis on increasing the wealth of the tenant. Mere reductions of rent will not help him and will not solve the problem with the country is faced. The most rational and businesslike way of tackling the agrarian problem is to try and devise means by which the cultivators will make more for himself.—A.P. (Details of Programme page 7.)

LABOUR'S RIGHT TO STRIKE

Demand For Immediate Plenary Powers

LONDON, May 5.

A meeting of the tramway men and trolley busmen passed an unanimous resolution demanding immediate plenary powers to withdraw labour in order to draw attention to their working conditions. A deputation was appointed to interview Mr. Bevin to-night.—Reuter's Special.

Back To Gold Campaign

Union Ministers' Move To Save World's Economic System

CAPE TOWN, May 5. A grave speech was made by the Acting Prime Minister, General Smuts in the House of Assembly on the future of gold, arising from the recent debacle of share prices which caused enormous losses.

General Smuts ridiculed the Nationalist suggestion that the losses were due to market manipulation. The slump was due to unfounded reports from the United States. A much more serious doubt for South-African consideration in particular, was the future of Gold. The precariousness and unsoundness of the present position was indicated by the fact that gold hoards in the United States were increasing and were not taken into the credit system at all.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Havenga, who is in London for the Coronation, would most carefully investigate the new dangers emerging for gold and for the whole economic system of the world, and when measures should be taken to get back to gold stabilisation.—Reuter's Special.

STOP PRESS.

FORCED LANDING OF INDIAN PLANE

ATHENS, May 5. It is reported that a K. L. M. plane from India was unable to land to-day at Tatoi aerodrome near Athens owing to a cloud-burst.

It is rumoured that it was forced to land at Voula twelve miles south-east of Athens. LONDON.—K. L. M. head offices here are unaware of any such forced landing. They stated that one of their machines which left India on Saturday was due at Tatoi at 15-30 B.S.T. to-day and Amsterdam to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

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All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Fort Chambers (C) Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
All that piece or parcel of land of Pension and Tax Tenure now redeemed with the message tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situated, lying and being at Laxminarayana Lane, Matunga in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 832 square yards or thereabouts inclusive of land set apart on the East side for a private passage and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue Bombay under Collector's Old Nos. 866 and 423, Collector's New Nos. K 3901, 4112 and 4206, Old Survey No. NII, New Survey No. INX 2839, and Cadastral Survey No. 553 of the Matunga Division and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under F Ward Nos. 7543 (3A) and 7543 (3) and Street Nos. 12 and 12A and bounded, on or towards the East by Laxmi Narayana Lane, on or towards the West by the property of Thakar Dharamsey Bhawan, on or towards the North by the property of Thakar Chhotalal Anandji and on or towards the South by the property of Bhalshanker Nanabhai.

Dated this 5th day of May 1937.
MANKODI & Co.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES.

FIRSTLY.—ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the Bungalow known as "Mehta Lodge" outhouses, garage godown well situated at the village of Gundavli near Andheri in the Bombay Suburban District in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and containing by admeasurement 38 Gunthas and bearing Non-Agricultural Survey No. 19 and assessed under No. 120 Andheri Kuria Road formerly by the Andheri Notified Area Committee now by the Ville Parle, Andheri Municipality and bounded as follows:—On or towards the East by the property of K. M. Mehta and others, on or towards the North by the Andheri Kuria Road, and on or towards the South partly by the property of Framroze M. Mehta and partly by the property of K. M. Mehta and others.

SECONDLY.—ALL that piece or parcel of agricultural land or ground situated in the Village of Gundavli near Andheri in the Bombay Suburban Division in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and containing by admeasurement 13½ Gunthas and bearing Survey No. 24, Hissa No. 5 and bounded as follows:—On or towards the East by the property of the said Kallianji, on or towards the West by the property of K. M. Mehta and others on or towards the North by the said Mehta Lodge and on or towards the South by the property of J. B. D'Mello and others.

Dated this 5th day of May 1937.
J. A. DIAS,
For Messrs. Lakhia & Co.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

Legal Notices.

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY No. 776—of 1935.

Re: FRANCIS AGUIAR, of Bombay, East Indian Inhabitant, residing at Byculla Club (Staff Quarters), Manager in the Byculla Club, Bombay, and also lately, a speculator in cotton.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovenamed Insolvent has applied to the Court for his discharge and that the Court has fixed the 11th June, 1937 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for hearing the application.

Dated this 4th day of May 1937.
S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Insolvency Registrar.

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY No. 403 of 1934.

Re: TARACHAND MULJI SHAH, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at No. 25, Old Mody Street, formerly a Sub-broker in shares upto December 1921 and since then unemployed.

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Il Duce's Plans In Red Sea

Move For Concession In Yemen Govt.'s Island For Establishing Naval Base

(From Our Correspondent)

CAIRO (By Air Mail). The imperial designs of Sgr. Mussolini are being exposed slowly but surely. The latest instance of his activities in this connection are revealed from the fact that some Italian sailors and engineers were recently observed by some Yemen subjects landing on an island ten miles off the British island of Briem in the Red Sea.

On noticing the Italians, the Yemenites speeded in dows to the place (which happens to belong to the Yemen Government but were on their approach to the island received with gun shots from the Italians. The British authorities have recently opened a naval base at Briem island in Red Sea and now the Italians want to fortify a place very near it and to have a naval base of their own in Red Sea. Hence the plan to survey this island.

The place where the Italian sailors and engineers landed belongs to the Imam of Yemen and admeasures 400 square miles and it being only about ten miles off the British naval base at Briem Island, would be of great strategic advantage to the Italians.

MOVE FOR CONCESSION
Their idea seems to be to get some concessions from the Imam in this island, especially for exploitation of mines which is said to have great potentialities in the place. If the Imam is agreeable to the Italian proposal, the Duce hopes to hit two birds with a single stone.

Of course Sgr. Mussolini will not be satisfied with this small bargain. He is said to have his plans for expanding the Italian Empire, especially in the Muslim countries of the Near East and this move for concession—if it materialises—will be an important step in that direction.

There are about 74,000 square miles of mineral producing lands in the State of Yemen and if he can make a small beginning in the direction of getting the island mentioned above, then Sgr. Mussolini can be said to have made not an altogether "poor" bargain.

The British authorities are, of course watching the designs of Sgr. Mussolini very carefully.

IN STEPS OF ITALY?
The Iraq Government has announced that all the Government servants wishing to marry will be given an advance of their six months' salaries, which will be allowed to be repaid in easy instalments.

The betrothal of Princess Rajiha, the 29-year-old sister of King Ghazi of Iraq, to an Iraqi pilot, Abdul Jabbar Mahomed, has been officially announced at Baghdad.

AMNESTY IN SYRIA
The Syrian Parliament has proclaimed general amnesty to all their political prisoners, except for Fouji Koukji, the well-known Arab leader, who recently led the Arab rebels in the Palestine strikes and who is now in the City of Karkao in Iraq.

Abdul Aziz Muzafar, Secretary to the Iraqi Legation in Paris, who is alleged to have supplied arms to the Spanish rebels on behalf of the Iraq Government, arrived at Beyrouth on his way to Baghdad by s.s. "Sipria" and was received by the local Commissioner of Police.

Abdul Aziz Muzafar will be tried at Baghdad on charges of having supplied the Spanish rebels aeroplanes and other war materials.

He is at present trying to get some prominent solicitor or barrister of Beyrouth for defending his case.

TURKISH POET DEAD

Abdul Majid, the great poet of Turkey, who was called the Shakespeare of Turkey, died at the age of 86 years.

ALLEGED OFFER TO NEGUS

Italians Bomb Ethiopian Refugees Passing Into Uganda

(From Our Correspondent)

CAIRO (By Air Mail). There are strong rumours in the Sudan that the British Government is going to proclaim Emperor Haile Selassie as the King of Uganda.

This news has been received

with great joy by important persons both in Sudan and Uganda.

ITALIANS BOMB REFUGEES

It is reported that more than a thousand men, women and Abyssinian children have crossed the boundaries of their country and entered the British territory of Uganda. Two prominent Ethiopian leaders are also stated to have gone there. These leaders are reported to have stated that thousands more are expected to cross their native boundaries and migrate into Uganda.

It is alleged that while these emigrants were crossing into British territory, on the way they were bombed by the Italian air force, as a result of which there have been many casualties, a large number of them having been seriously wounded and many killed.

The British authorities are giving the immigrants all the necessary facilities for their stay and are sheltering them.

Suburban Protest Against Interim Ministry

(From Our Correspondent)

VILLE PARLE, Wednesday. Bombay Suburban District Congress Committee, I understand, has arranged a representative protest meeting against the Bombay Interim Ministry. The meeting is to be presided over by Mr. R. N. Mehra and will be addressed by Messrs B.G. Kher the Congress Party leader in the Assembly, Wandrekar, G. B. Bhat, and Smt. Ganakaben Patel.

After his election as leader of the party in the Assembly, Mr. Kher's is the first public appearance in the district. And there is flood of request from associations to allow them the opportunity to garland him and show their allegiance to the Congress Party and its leader. The meeting will be held on the 10th instant in Lokamanya Seva Sangh Hall.

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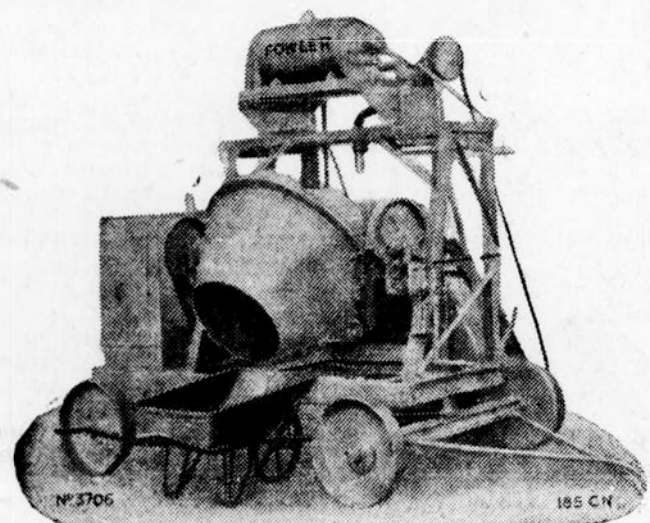
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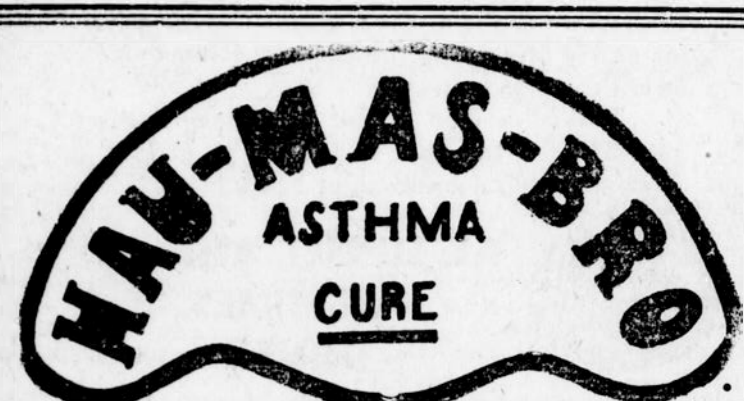
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Magisterial Powers And Temple Ban

Nariman's Protest Against Encroachment On Civic Right

Mr. K. F. Nariman when approached by a press representative for his views on the Poona Temple dispute as the one interested in the Civil Liberties Union, expressed as follows:—

Ring of bells in a Hindu temple or a similar ceremony in Parsee Fire-Temples does not interest me at all. They appear to me as so many grown-up children playing with these religious toys. Not being orthodoxly religious-minded, I cannot look upon the question from a religious stand-point. But there is another aspect of it, that even an atheist cannot overlook, and that is the aspect that concerns me more as an individual interested in, and connected with the Civil Liberties Union.

ADJUNCTS OF CITY LIFE
From that rationalist point of view, the District Magistrate's whimsical order, seems to be needlessly and unjustifiably encroaching on ordinary and normal civil liberties and rights of a group of citizens. There are many other similar or greater nuisances that are daily committed, particularly in large and industrial cities, and these are to be tolerated, as inevitable and necessary adjuncts to city lives.

Ring of bells in a neighbouring temple is not so annoying or disturbing, as constantly blowing of motor horns or tram and truck gongs on adjoining streets, or children playing in primary schools, with again loud gongs at stated intervals, unmusical harmonium humming in music classes, at times tuneless gramophones in neighbouring restaurants and even crying of babies in adjoining houses, and what about mosques and temples near railways? The thundering noise at times is so great that even domes of these religious places are shaken. Still nobody, however orthodox or religious-minded, particularly residing in large cities, could afford to be so sensitive, as to invoke or expect official interference in such civic nuisances, that have become part of normal, day-to-day, modern 'civilised' city existence.

THIS PICTURE AND THAT
Christian religious services, particularly on Sundays and holidays, are at times very noisy with the constant ringing of heavy and loud bells from Church tops and confused mass music that is neither understood nor appreciated by many Indians. Still, far from any prohibitive order, from a District Magistrate on the Church authorities, there are usually special steps taken by police, to prevent and noise outside, so as not to

disturb the services, at times even going to the extent of suspending or diverting normal traffic on roads adjoining Christian churches. Thus discriminating treatment even to the Gods of our rulers! If one peruses the extra-ordinary powers given to the officials in District, as well as City Police Acts, one would simply be astounded and feel, that instead of our homes being our 'castles' we are more or less prisoners in our own homes. These provisions are intended more for bluffing 'Mavali' and riff-raff elements to serve as a check on the under-dogs that are infesting every town and city, and are not intended to disturb or encroach upon normal civic or religious activities of peaceful and law-abiding citizens.

DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD
I should appeal to reasonable and fair-minded tolerant Mahomedans themselves, particularly of Poona, to apply for the rescission of this unreasonable and autocratic order. They must remember, that such mis-use of powers is like double-edged swords. If today, they are allowed to be used without a protest against your opponents, there is equal danger tomorrow of their being played against them also, by another whimsical officer, and they will then be precluded from complaining or protesting.

The best way to preserve civic amenities, civil liberties and also civic harmony is for citizens of all communities and creeds, to unite in a common protest, as a matter of principle and right, if they are satisfied, that from a point of view of civil liberties and civic rights the action of authorities is condemnable.

NOTABLE EXAMPLE
I was gratified to learn during my recent visit to Nasik that a bold and patriotic Congress Mahomedan of that city had taken up publically such a correct attitude. Will Mr. Jinnah exhibit the same moral courage that was shown by an ordinary Congress Mahomedan volunteer? For we are certain that with his legalistic constitutional mentality he must be convinced of the arbitrariness and autocracy of the Magistrate's order, and as a cosmopolitan citizen, that he used to be some time ago, will he 'speak up' as an Indian citizen, on behalf of Indian civil liberty and Indian civic right, instead of damaging his past political prestige and position, by indulging in an apparently communal controversy with our President?

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mrs. Goolbai Tara Panday was produced this morning at the same Court on a charge of rash and negligent driving, endangering human lives.

It was stated by the Mahim Police that the accused was driving car No. X-6924, at 6-45 p.m. on April 30th last along Caddel Road from south to north at a fast speed in a zigzag manner and knocked down a girl near the K. E. Mahim Road junction.

The girl, who is stated to be Mahar, was admitted in the K. E. M. Hospital with severe injuries. The accused, who was arrested yesterday, was bailed out in a sum of Rs. 200 till the 19th instant.

How a daring assault was made on a young woman aged 20, with the alleged criminal intention of outraging her modesty, when she was in the complete darkness of a lane, was related by the Delisle Road Police at the Dadar Police Court against Shivaram Ganoo Parab, the accused.

On sighting a girl, who was going with her mother on the Sun Mill Bridge, the accused, it was alleged, followed them along a lane in the compound of the Textile Mill.

While in the middle of the lane, the accused embraced the girl, the mother coming to her rescue by abusing him.

He, however, left the girl alone, continued following them till he was handed over to a police constable by the women, who caught hold of him as they entered Caddel Road.

The accused was bailed out at the Dadar Police Court till the 19th instant.

An inquest was held to-day on the body of an unknown Hindu, who was knocked down by a train last night.

It was stated by the driver of

the train that, while he was taking his "Up" train from Sion to Matunga, near the Level Crossing at Matunga, he noticed a man and a woman about to cross his track. He put on his brakes and, when the train stopped, he found the man lying on the left side of the track. The woman had disappeared. The man's head was very badly injured and his forearm had been cut off.

The body was ordered to be kept in the mortuary for a few days to see if any one would come forward to claim it.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

A Madras youth, a convert from Islam to Christianity and assistant in a city European firm, was charged before Sir H. P. Dastur, Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court on Tuesday morning with having kidnapped an alleged minor Anglo-Indian girl and having induced her to illicit intercourse.

The Chief Presidency Magistrate ordered the accused to be released on bail on his giving a surety for Rs. 300 and depositing Rs. 100 in cash.

The Magistrate further ordered that the girl be kept at the Home of the League of Mercy until the disposal of the case and refused the request of the parents to keep her with them.

The tragic story of a young Parsi woman, who attempted to take her life was narrated at the Third Presidency Magistrate's Court to-day. Minabai Barucha plunged into the sea at Apollo Bunder on Saturday last, at noon but was rescued by the prompt action of a police constable who jumped in after her and managed to hold her up till a buoy was thrown, by means of which both of them were brought to the shore.

In a statement before the Magistrate, the woman stated that her husband, D. A. Barucha, treated

B. N. C. MILLS STRIKE CONTINUES

Relief Committee Formed At Raipur

(From A Correspondent)
RAIPUR, (By Mail).

A meeting of the citizens of Raipur was held in the Anand Samaj Library to express sympathy with the labourers 3,500 in number of the B. N. C. Mills who are on a peaceful strike for the last two and half months. The meeting was presided over by Pt. Shukla, Thakur Elarela Singh a resident of Rajnandgaon and a well known Congressman of Raipur, who was in touch with the affairs of the B. N. C. Mills since the days of the last strike which took place in the year 1920 placed before the audience the whole situation.

He said that he tried to settle matters with the Political Agent, but the Agent coldly refused to have any correspondence with him regarding this affair.

He appealed to the audience to collect funds for the poor strikers and boycott the goods manufactured in the Mills, so long as the grievances of the labourers were not satisfied.

NEW ARTS COLLEGE FOR BOMBAY

To Open At Matunga In June

The Khalsa College, Matunga, will open from June, 1937. It will admit this year first Year and Intermediate Arts and Science students only. From next year it will be raised to a First Grade college teaching up to B.A. and B.Sc. pass and honour courses.

The College Council has set apart a sum of Rs. 5,000 to be spent this year for scholarships to be awarded on merit and for fee concessions to really deserving poor students.

The College building is only four minutes walk from the Matunga G. I. P. R. station and ten minutes walk from Wadala (G.I.P. Harbour) and from Matunga B. B. and C. I. stations.

It flanks the King's Circle and the Motor Buses running from Dadar (B. B. and C. I. Railway) station to King's Circle stand almost in front of the college.

Hostel accommodation for both lady and male students has been arranged for in a building close to the College and the second floor of the college respectively.

Students from all communities without any distinction of caste or creed are welcome to join the college. Admissions begin on the first of June, 1937.

RECOGNITION TO BOMBAY DENTAL ASSOCIATION

BOMBAY, May 4.
The Secretary, the Bombay Presidency Dental Association, Bombay, informs that the British Dental Association of Great Britain has recognised the Bombay Presidency Dental Association to be a Scientific Association of qualified dental surgeons.

The Bombay Presidency Dental Association membership consists of foreign and Indian qualified dental surgeons.—United Press.

Hindi Examinations In City

The Secretary, Hindi Prachar Sabha, writes:—

The candidates who have applied for the ensuing Chunav and Visharad Examinations are hereby informed that the said examinations will take place on Sunday 9th instant from 11 a.m. at the Gokhale Education Society's High School, opposite Jimnah Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road.

The Visharad Candidates will have their oral examination on Friday, 7th instant at 8 a.m. and two written papers on Saturday, 8th instant from 11 a.m. at the office of the Sabha, Adenwala Building, New Queen's Road opposite Romy Theatre, Bombay 4. Hall tickets can be had at the office of the Sabha.

TEN RUPEES FOR JUTE STRIKE

The Jt. Hon. Secretary, G. D. C. C. writes:—

The following resolution has been passed in the meeting of the Managing Council held on Sunday, the 2nd instant.

"Resolved that a token grant of Rs. 10 be made for the relief of the jute strikers and be forwarded to the Central Jute Strike Committee, Calcutta."

her cruelly and had deserted her. She came to the house of her father, Dinsajal Adreshir Lakdawala, but was confronted with a step-mother who harassed her. Disturbed with life she tried to commit suicide. She pleaded guilty and prayed for mercy. She was bound over to be of good behaviour in a sum of Rs. 30 for a period of nine months.

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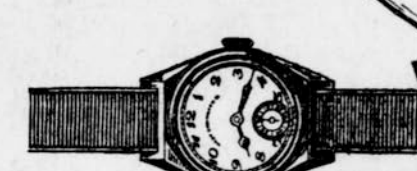
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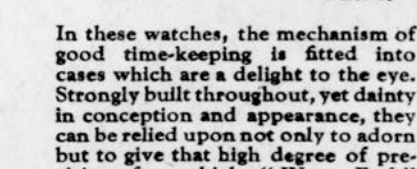
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Young Goans "A" Win Nadkarni Cup Dewjee's Kanara XI Lose By A Solitary Goal

The replay of the final match between the Young Goans "A" and Dewjee's Kanara XI in the Nadkarni Football Cup Tournament attracted a large crowd at the Cooperage on Wednesday evening. In their first encounter on Sunday the contending parties failed to arrive at a decision owing to their inability to pierce the target.

Yesterday there was going to be a repetition of the same result but it was not so. The Goan side, led by the Goan captain, succeeded in finding the net after forty minutes of desultory play. It was not that there was any dearth of chances for scoring on either side. In fact there were dozens of them. But weak and inaccurate shooting neutralized their effectiveness. The Young Goans won by the solitary goal of the day and on the day's play they were deserving winners.

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Although the game was not of a first rate variety and thrilling episodes were few and far between, there were no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the crowd. They cheered their teams on every possible occasions which lessened the monotony of the play to a great extent. The main defect of the contest was that neither side settled down to cohesive methods till half-time was called. The ball was swung about in all directions at a quick pace which all defenders did not find very difficult to clear away.



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LONDON, May 5.
The following are the results of First Class Cricket matches which began on May 1:—

M. C. C. vs. Yorkshire
M.C.C. won by 25 runs. M.C.C. 339 and 276 for seven declared (Edrich 56). Yorkshire: 210 and 380 (Hutton 161; Leyland 69; Smiles 57 not out).

Worcestershire vs. Sussex
Sussex won by 8 wickets. Worcester: 229 and 207 (Martin 63; James Langridge six wickets for thirty). Sussex: 349 and 88 for two.

Oxford Varsity vs. Gloucester
Oxford won by eight wickets. Gloucester: 224 and 190 (Hammond 59; Crapp 56). Oxford University: 384 and 32 for two.

Leicestershire vs. Derbyshire
Derby won by the first innings. Derby: 427. Leicestershire: 258 and following on 341 for six (Paynter 150; Farrimond 57 not out).

Glamorgan vs. Kent
Glamorgan won by an innings and 152 runs. Glamorgan: 451. Kent: 152 and following on 147 (Mercer four for 59).—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN WATCH CUP FINAL

Last Year's League Champions Beat Preston North End

The King and Queen in the Royal box, which was decorated with red roses, watched the Football Association Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on Saturday, when the last year's League Champions, Sunderland beat Preston North End by three goals to one.

THE TEAMS.
SUNDERLAND:—Mapson; German and Hall; Thompson, Johnston and McNab; Duns, Carter, Gurney, Gallacher and Burbanks. **PRESTON NORTH END:**—Butt, Gallimore and Beattie; Shanky, Tremelling and Milne; Dougal, Beresford, Frank O'Donnell, Pagan and Hugh O'Donnell.

This is the second time that Sunderland have played in the Final of the Cup and have been in the Semi-final six times, but never before won the coveted cup.

Preston too won the Cup only once in 1889 beating Wolverhampton Wanderers by three goals to nil.

Preston have been six times in the Final and three times in the semi-final.

How They Met in Final
Sunderland.
Beat Southampton 3-2
Beat Luton (after a draw) 2-0
Beat Swansea 3-0
Beat Wolverhampton (after two draws 1-1 and 2-2) 4-0
Beat Millwall 2-1
Preston.
Beat Newcastle 2-0
Beat Stoke City 5-1
Beat Tottenham 5-3
Beat West Bromwich 4-1

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The Jamiat Shubban Al-Muslimeen offers the prize of a Parker Fountain Pen to any person who writes the best sort essay on social reforms in Islam.

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that luck favoured the Times of India and Almeida scored twice to bring out his side winners by 2 goals to nil. The Pressmen had many moments of anxiety before they could emerge out winners.

The Result:—
TIMES OF INDIA 2 goals
Y.M.C.A. Nil

The teams:—
TIMES OF INDIA: Corton; Easdon and Edwards; Tyrell, Lynn and Thomas; Mendes, Correl, D'Souza, Almeida and Petty.
Y.M.C.A.: Moore; Marshall and Anderson; O'Connor, Gidney and Thompson; G. O'Connor, Bhatia, D'Almeida, Gledis and Sequera.

Khatau Sports Win First Match

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P.M.

7-45 Big Ben. The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. 9-15 A North-Country Notebook. A talk by Major J. Fairfax-Blakeborough. M.C. 9-30 Music of the North of England. 9-40 The News and Announcements. 10-0 Dance Music. 10-10 Bransby Williams, the famous character actor, in a selection of the popular studies.

Bombay Programme

VUB 350.9 metres, 855 kcs. A.M.
8-0 A recital. (Harmonium solo). A VUB Artist. 8-15 Ma. arashirah. melodies. 8-30 Talk (Hindustani). "Glimpses into Persian Literature". History of Persian works. By Prof. Waqif. H.P. 8-45 Marwadi melodies. Master Nandram. Zaa-jire karane bag lagayara. May jovan rajari vatadai. Aijayi majalason saviore. (Assisted by the Indian Orchestra). 9-15 Mysore Melodies.

•1-0 Available market rates and announcements. On orchestral programme. 6-0 The news in Marathi. 6-5 A recorded programme. 7-0 p.m. To the Bhujman. A programme arranged for the village. 8-0 p.m. Dance Music (Recorded—Regal). 8-30 p.m. Commercial News and the News in Hindi. 9-0 p.m. Talk (English): "Return" by F.R. Moraes. 8-15 p.m. The News. 9-30 p.m. Light Classical Music Shrimatibai Narvekar. "Maina nahi mane" Kharval Nagaki Kanada. "Mero piya rasliya" Jalad. "Baki brijanari" Thumri. "Dil hamane sanam ko diya" Ghazal. "Hule banate su" Hindol. (With Sarangi. Harmonium and Tabla).

Delhi Programme

VUD 340.12 metres, 882 kcs. A.M.
7-0 AIR Orchestra. Malkaus. 7-10 Saraswati Bai. Classical and Light Music. "Ao ji more ghar saiyani, Bibhas, 'Usne agar karam bhi kiya to jafa ke baad Aya meri Knabar ko siamgar qaza ke baad'. Dagh). 7-40 Sarinda. 7-45 Duet. "Shadman Mehran". By Azizur Rahman and Irshad Ali. 7-55 Allah Bakha. 8-10 Radha Bai. 8-40 1st news bulletin. (Hindustani). 8-50 1st news bulletin. (English).

6-30 AIR Orchestra, Bhimpalasi. 8-40 Saraswati Bai. Classical and light music. 7-10 Tilak Kamod on Sarod. 7-15 Adana Kandra on Sitar. 7-30 "For Villagers Only". (Time signal and Delhi market rates at 8 p.m.) 8-15 Talk (Hindustani): "Glimpses of the Past". No. 5. Ek Purani Sohbat. By Agha Shair. 8-30 Radha Bai. 8-50 Saraswati Bai. Classical and light music. 9-15 2nd news and weather report (Hindustani). 9-30 2nd news and weather report (English). 9-45 Talk (English): "English as She is spoken in India". By E. Walker. 10-0 A light studio concert. Nellie Greenway, Con-

HOUSE TAX ASSESSMENT

Khar Residents' Protest To Municipality

The Hon. Secretaries of the Khar Residents' Association in the course of a representation to the Chairman, Standing Committee, Bandra Municipality, state:—
"You are aware that in almost all cases in Khar Area, tenements are let out to tenants exclusive of water and electric charges which are paid by tenants to the proper authorities through their respective landlords on the basis of consumption as indicated by meters.

Complaints have been made to this Association that in ascertaining the dateable value of the properties, the Municipality has assessed the landlords not only on the rents paid by tenants but also on water charges paid by tenants. This Association has been advised that the practice of the Municipality is incorrect and illegal and that in no case can the amount actually or approximately paid by a tenant per month to his landlord on account of water consumed be included in ascertaining the annual letting value of the premises.

The taxable value of any premises, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 Act XVIII of 1925 of Municipal Burroughs Act, is to be assessed on the rent paid by a tenant to the landlord on account of the occupancy of the premises.

Playfair, Lajpat, Peter Playfair. Trillo: A. Mendez, Violin. E. Middlecoat, Banjo; Peter Playfair and A. Mendez, Light piano duetists.

Calcutta Programme

All transmissions will be on VUC 370.4 metres, 810 kc/s and 49.10 metres, 6,109 kc/s (Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time)

12-36 p.m. The Radio Quartette Robert Schwarzenberger 1st Violin, Ted Frangopoulos 2nd Violin, Franz Zeppertiz Cello, Leon Dudzek Piaoforte, Calcutta Weather Bulletin for Ocean and Rivercraft. 1-36 p.m. A Broadcast for School Students. Talk: "In the Museum" No. 3 Among Aborigines, by Probodh Chatterjee. A Humorous Recitation. "The Naughty Boy" by Nani Das Gupta Readings from Michael by Nripen Chatterjee. 2-6 p.m. "The Lotus" Islands. A Musical picture of the South Seas produced by Bella Halder. The Cast G. Power, Nital Motilal, Akhil Banerjee, Amiya Goswami, Sachin Palodhi, Shella Halder, Nitya Nag, N. Mukerjee, Bina Bhattacharya. 5-6 p.m. A Broadcast for Rural Areas. 5-36 p.m. Folk Song Abbasuddin. 5-51 p.m. Instrumental Music. The Jantri Sangha conducted by S. L. Das. 6-1 p.m. Toppa Siddheshwar Mukherjee. 6-16 p.m. Classical Modern Song Krishna Ch. Ghosh 6-32 p.m. Modern Bengali Song Abhabaty. 6-51 p.m. The Jantri Sangha.

P.M.
7-1 A Musical Entertainment. By the Members of the Tarun Sangit Sammlan 7-36 Talk: "Star and Planets" No. 3. Astrologers of the East and West. By Sitaram Chatterjee. 7-51 The Musical Entertainment (Contd.) By the Members of the Tarun Sangit Sammlan. Satyendra Nath Ghosal, Kheyal (Bhopali). 8-6 The News and the Weather Report (In Bengali). 8-21 The Musical Entertainment (Contd.) By the Members of the Tarun Sangit Sammlan. 9-1 Commercial News and Weather Report (In English). 9-6 The News and Announcements. 9-21 Talk (English): "Under the Jolly Roger." No. 1. Mutiny on the Bounty. By Capt. J. Moon. 9-36 A Studio Concert.

Peshawar Programme

VUP 200 metres, 1,500 kc/s. A.M.
7-0 "Punjabi Phantasy" (Recorded). P.M.
6-30 "Khabre Atare." (An hour with villagers). 7-35 Khyber Radio Orchestra. Kafi. 7-45 Talk (Hindustani): "Buddhist Stupas in the N.W.F.P." By Dilwar Khan. 8-0 Miran Baksh. Classical Music. 8-15 Nawab Bai. Ghazal. 8-22 "Highland Airs." 8-32 Miran Baksh. Irani Ghazal. 8-40 Nawab Bai and Inayat Hussain. A Duet. 8-50 "Do Parosi." (Two Neighbours when they meet). 9-0 Miran Baksh. Ghazal. 9-7 Nawab Bai. Punjab Geet. 9-15 The News and Weather Report. (Hindustani). 9-30 The News and Weather Report. (English). 9-45 Khyber Radio Orchestra. Bhopali. 9-55 Nawab Bai. Light Music. 10-10 Miran Baksh. Classical Music. 10-25 Clarinet Solo.

In Aid Of Dohad And Zalod Famine Stricken

The Secretary Dohad Zalod Famine Relief Fund Committee of the Youths' Association, Bombay writes:—
The Executive Committee of the Youths' Association has resolved to collect funds for the famine-stricken people in Dohad and Zalod in co-operation with the "Dohad Zalod Khedut Sangh".

Chess Tournament

The Presidency Championship or the Premier Division of the Sixth Chess Tournament under the auspices of the Bombay Central Chess Association will be started on Saturday, the 8th instant, at about 4 p.m. in the premises of the Association in the Union Bank Building, 2nd floor, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. There will be three prizes of Rs. 100, Rs. 50 and Rs. 30 for the first, second and third respectively.

Obviously it is clear that in ascertaining the same the authorities cannot take into consideration water charges when the same is sold by the Municipality to the consumers as any other commodity sold to the public in open market. The Association therefore requests that the practice of charging landlords assessment on water charges should be discontinued and all rateable values should be corrected from this point of view.



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Saturday, May 8.

S. S. Strathairn, with mails for London, sails at 1 p.m.
B. Sc. Examinations results, University Building, 2 p.m.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

The N Y K steamer 'Ginjo Maru' left Kobe for Bombay via ports of call on the 2nd May, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 30th May.

TAMIL DRAMA RAJA BHAKTI
Sri Ranjani Sabha will stage Raja Bhakti on Sunday the 9th instant at 4.25 p.m. at the Dandekar Theatre, Hall, Parel. The drama includes an interesting dance item.

B. P. C. C. MEETING
An ordinary meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Monday the 10th May 1937, at 6.30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

STUDY CLASS ON THE GATHAS
Under the auspices of the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Dr. Irach J. S. Taraporevala will conduct a study class on the Gathas at the Theosophical Society's Bessant Hall, French Bridge, Chitpatty, today (Thursday) at 6.30 p.m. (S.T.)

VAISHYA ERIKARAN MANDAL

Under the auspices of the above Institution, a joint meeting of the various Sub-Sects of Maharashtra Vaishya community will be held on Sunday 9th May, 1937, between 8.30 and 10.30 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m. (S.T.) at Habbankar's Art Studio, Tribhuvan Road, Bombay No. 4. Admission tickets are issued at Re. 1 for delegates and gratis for spectators, which can be available at the office (15-17, Tribhuvan Road) and at the meeting time at the hall.

BETTER FACILITIES IN INDIA

Prospects Before New Iron And Steel Works

(From A Correspondent)
India has always had certain special advantages so far as the manufacturing of iron and steel is concerned.

Apart from special advantages, a favourable international market should lend a further incentive to the industrialist and the capitalist to exploit the present situation to India's profit.

Prices of iron and steel products are rising rapidly, and may touch a very high figure. It may interest the reader to know that the prices of steel are to-day 60 p.c. to 80 p.c. higher in almost all countries than they were five years ago.

INDIA'S ADVANTAGE

While other parts of the world are threatened with a shortage in iron and steel, India has enormous resources of iron ore, and apart from the capacity output of its steel industry, has available to it even to-day an exportable surplus of pig iron of 800,000 tons a year produced at a cost very much lower than any other country in the world is at present capable of.

The existence in the first place of a revenue and protective duty gives Indian manufacturers a marginal advantage in the British market of about Rs. 15 to Rs. 25

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Michael Strogoff" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Tukaram" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
EMPIRE—"After the Thin Man" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Evelyn Laye" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

IMPERIAL—"Jagat Kesari" Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-30 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Manzil" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"President" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
LAXMI—"Pirate Treasure" Time as usual

MAJESTIC—"Begunah" Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Atma Tarang" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
OCEAN HOUSE—"Prem Kahani" Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-30 p.m.

PATHE—"Bulldog Drummond" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Tarzan Escapes" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Wings of the Morning" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

ROXY—"Pajarin" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m.
WELLINGTON—"Jawahir-e-Hind" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
WEST-END—"Dolls of Clay" Time as usual

'VARSITY STUDENTS' PARSEE

The members of the University Students' Parsee Union are requested to meet at Yusuf Building, 1st floor, room No. 12-A in order to visit the Parsee Statistical Bureau at 5 p.m. today (Thursday).

SUICIDE BY OPIUM

The City Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by opium poisoning voluntarily administered, at the inquest on an unidentified Hindu, who was found lying unconscious on the Reclamation Ground behind the Cricket Stadium, on the 19th April. The deceased was removed to Hospital, where he died.

per ton of steel over other countries. The existing prices, and the prospect of their rapid rise during the next few years, is another very favourable circumstance.

PERMANENT FACTORS

In considering the permanent factors, it may be useful to take a concrete example. The advantageous position so far as Tatas are concerned is generally familiar. A study therefore of the position so far as the new Works which is expected to be started along with the Indian Iron and Steel Company at Hirapur may be more interesting.

BETTER FACILITIES

Here, as in the case of Tatas, almost all the raw materials required are available within a short radius. In the case of Hirapur, it is in fact available within a radius of 150 miles, coal being available within 40 miles. Abundant quantities of iron ore are available in this area. Indian ore is superior to the ore available in many other countries. It is purer and cheaper. According to the analysis made by experts, Indian iron ore has over 60 p.c. of metallic iron, as compared with the English ore which is seldom over 30 p.c. and the Spanish ore, which has only 45 p.c. The resources in coal of this area are for practical purposes unlimited, and what is more, the Company's iron resources are abundant. The prices of coal are also considerably lower.

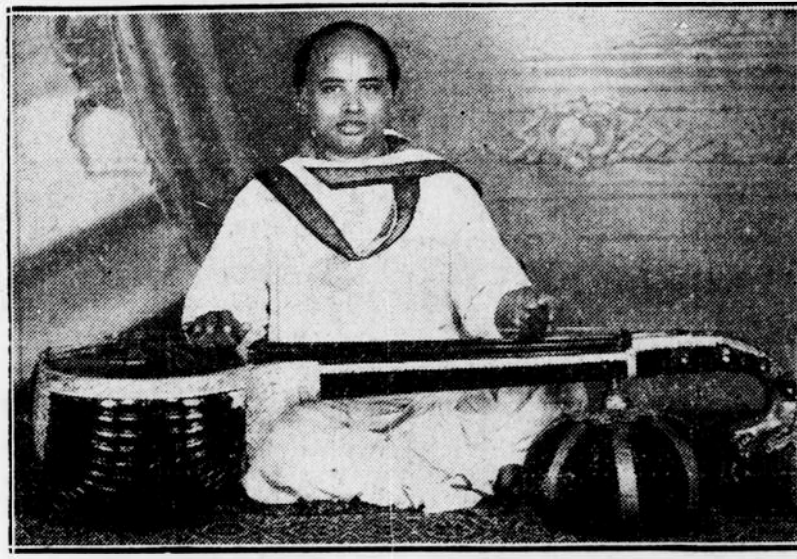
The Indian factory will have a clear advantage of Rs. 15 per ton or thereabouts over foreign competitors in this respect alone. Then foreign steel has to bear a freight of Rs. 15 per ton or more from the country of origin to the principal Indian ports.

CHEAPER LABOUR

There can be no doubt that labour in England, Germany, Japan and the U.S.A. is definitely more efficient and more skilled than is available in India. But then labour in India is infinitely cheaper. Besides if, as it is believed, the new factory is equipped with a modern up-to-date mechanised plant, the element of individual skill would be enormously discounted, and the Indian manufacturer will have a distinct advantage in his favour.

Apart therefore from the temporary factors, there are great permanent advantages which the Iron and Steel Industry in India possesses. The British market itself opens a wide and permanent field for the growth of the industry.

There is no reason why the Indian Iron and Steel Industry, if it can further add to its productivity, should not take advantage of the world shortage of iron and steel, and the high prices available in foreign countries.



"Gottu Vadyam" Narayana Iyengar Asthana Vidwan of Mysore in Bombay for a short season. He is one of the few artists in the line to play this string instrument which is manipulated with a cylindrical device.

SUPERVISORS FOR MARATHI SCHOOLS

Prolonged Discussion At Schools Committee Meeting

"The reasons advanced by the Municipal Solicitors for invalidating the proceedings of 10th June 1936 in connection with this item, apply with equal force to the proceedings of the 31st March 1937.

"I think it is best that as required by the Corporation Resolution the Committee should reconsider the whole matter 'de novo'." After the above ruling was given by Mr. M. M. Killedar, Chairman, the Schools Committee at a meeting held on Wednesday, considered the whole question of the appointment of two Supervisors for Marathi Boys' Schools afresh.

After prolonged discussions, the Schools Committee adopted the following resolution moved by Mr. D. S. Babrekar:

"(A) That the post of a Supervisor of Marathi Boys' Schools vacated by the retirement of Mr. P. K. More, be filled by the appointment of Mr. P. B. Sarmalkar, Headmaster, Parel Central Marathi Boys' School and a grade salary of Rs. 125-5-175 p.m., plus Rs. 20 C.A. p.m. with retrospective effect from the 15th June 1936.

"(B) That a new additional post of Supervisor for the Marathi Boys' Schools be created on the grade salary of Rs. 125-5-175 p.m. plus Rs. 20 C.A. p.m. with effect from 10th June 1936 and Mr. Y. M. Inamdar, Headmaster, Curvey Road Marathi Boys' School be appointed to that post with retrospective effect from the 15th June 1936."

It may be stated here that on 21st April last, the Municipal Auditors informed the Secretary of the Schools Committee that as the appointments of the two Supervisors were not valid, the payments made to them ought to be recovered or the necessary sanction obtained to write off the payments irregularly made, that they should cease to be paid as Supervisors from 13th April, 1937, and their service as Supervisors should not be considered on their retirement.

The appointment was first made in June 1936 and the Schools Committee at a meeting held on 31st March 1937, expressed the view that the appointments were validly made, despite the opinion to the contrary expressed by the Municipal legal advisers.

"TRUSTWORTHY COMRADE"

Hyder Khan On Adhikari's Death

Ameer Hyder Khan, a prominent Communist, who has been confined to jail since September 1934, for an indefinite period as a State-prisoner and who is himself keeping very bad health, writes to a friend from Sub-Jail Musaffarnagar, Punjab, as follows:—

"This morning (27-4-1937) to my greatest regret I read in the 'Civil and Military Gazette' about the passing away of Jagannath Adhikari. The shocking news has depressed me very much. I really cannot explain to you, comrades, as to how I feel about the death of such a sincere and trustworthy comrade. When I think of the horrible conditions of life this young comrade had to face despite his continuous sufferings from the deadly disease!

"But for the system that forced these conditions on him he would have lived amongst us for a number of years more and rendered his services to the cause with the lovable selflessness that was so characteristic of him."

Patriotism, Only Remedy

Iranian Journalist Prescribes For India's 'Religious' Bickerings

In the course of an interview with a representative of the "Chronicle" Mr. Saif Azad, editor of "Iran Bastan," said:

The question of furthering commercial relations between India and Iran is a very important indeed. These relations bring life to the countries concerned. I trust that with a little effort on both sides trade relations can be established between Iran and India on a much larger scale than is the case to-day.

Q: Can you say from your own experience whether Iran is ahead of India or 'vice versa'?

A: Fifteen years ago Iran was certainly behind India in several respects. But, in view of all that has been accomplished of late, Iran has made progress during these 15 years as much as she could do during 50 years. I cannot, however, say whether Iran is ahead of India. But there are two or three points in which, in my opinion, Iran may be said to have outstripped India and it is that all men in Iran wear one and the same kind of dress, secondly, the education there has been standardized and wonderful progress has been achieved so far as the education of girls is concerned. Improvement of big cities and roads has been taken up in hand and now our roads and cities have become clean and tidy.

HINDI, URDU AND PERSIAN

Q: What is your opinion about the Urdu language and the Persian script?

A: I am surprised when I hear that a particular language and a particular script belongs to one community. Urdu is one of the living languages of the world and it is very sweet, eloquent and fully comprehensive, like the French which is spoken and understood all over the continent of Europe. In the same way Urdu is spoken and understood all over India. As a matter of fact, Urdu is the property of all concerned. In the language of the masses, but Hindi which derives its origin from a highly cultured and scientific language Sanskrit, should also be respected and learnt by all the people inhabiting India.

REMEDY IN PATRIOTISM

Q: What have you to say, as a Shiah, about the Madh-e-Sahaba controversy raging in Lucknow? What is after all its remedy?

A: I am surprised to see that the Mussalman of India have forgotten the Quranic injunction that "whosoever kills his brother intentionally, his reward is hell." In the eyes of non-Muslims we are humiliated by these things. Besides, the civilised world of today does not compel others to believe in certain things and to disbelieve in others. They should act upon the Quranic injunction: "Your religion is sufficient for you while my religion is sufficient for me." As to the remedy, my answer is patriotism. The patriots from among the parties concerned should try to amicably settle such questions. Both should respect each other's feelings and susceptibilities.

NO FAITH IN COMMUNISM

Mr. Saif Azad, in conclusion, said:—
Iran is a country which has a King. All the Iranians have got a hatred for Communism and they think that Communism is more injurious to the interests of their country than devastating fire can ever be. The Iranians have no faith at all in the Communist programme.

The promotion of the Maharaja of Datia, the Raja of Baria and the Raja of Teri Garhwal to the rank of honorary Lieutenant-colonels is announced in the "London Gazette."

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)
Going round Khar, our well-known garden suburb yesterday, I was simply surprised at the deplorable conditions that prevail there.

On the East of Ghodbunder Road leading from Bandra to the North, amidst several flats are heaps of rubbish that accumulate from day to day. These dirty heaps speak a lot about the sanitation of the town.

I am sure that a Municipality like Bandra would certainly not let the place be in such a filthy condition, but the main cause I gather from various sources is the perfunctory manner in which scavenging is done. This makes it very evident that the Bandra Municipality, among other things suffers from lack of supervision.

It is bad enough to have citizens who fail to realise the elementary importance of keeping their surroundings clean and tidy, but it is worse for a municipality to have on its scavenger staff a large number of sweepers who neglect their work completely. With the above mentioned dirty spot at Khar, there are many more spots throughout the suburban area where litter and rubbish paper accumulate and remain unnoticed for

KHAR DEVELOPMENT

About two years ago the Salsette Development Officer had proposed to the Bandra Municipality a plan to develop a large area between Santa Cruz and Khar and Ghodbunder Road and the Railway line. The first step that was to be taken was to remove several timber sheds that had been erected on the high ground at Ghodbunder Road. These sheds were erected with the consent of the Municipality on a nominal rent. But Government finding the situation as bad as it now stands directed the Municipality to have these sheds removed within a given period. The Municipality on the expiry of the lease refused to renew leases to the merchants of the sheds, thus requesting them to remove the sheds.

The merchants who were doing flourishing business at this spot refused to remove the sheds, which made the Municipality proceed to court and thus got the area cleared off. But Government finding their orders were not carried out immediately fined the Municipality. The Municipality however represent plea that it was not their fault and thus the fine ought to be remitted. This area has now been cleared of all the shed except for one hut and a plan of development is now in progress.

PAREL ANGLO-BENGALI SCHOOL

Phenomenal Progress During Last Year

The fourth annual gathering of the Anglo-Bengali School, Parel, was held at the Kshatriya Union Hall, Dadar on Sunday last, when Mr. M. M. Killedar, M.L.A., J.P. Chairman of the Bombay Municipal Schools Committee presided.

MR. BANERJEE'S GENEROSITY

The Committee's report showed that the school owed its foundation to the generosity of Mr. S. C. Banerjee who shouldered all the expenses of the school for the first year himself. From 18 children on the roll four years ago the school now boasts of 95 boys and girls. The phenomenal increase of as many 50 students during last year is attributed to the school initiating its own bus-service during this period.

Despite the fact that the school receives a grant from the Bombay Municipality, it has been suffering from financial handicaps. The Committee managed to make both ends meet by drawing upon the munificence of sympathisers in the community. Particular mention is made of Mrs. Sisir Kana Sen, Mrs. Santa Guha, Mrs. Santi Sen, Gupta, Mrs. Banerjee and Mrs. Maya Majumdar, who helped the school by teaching off and on in an honorary capacity.

OWN BUILDING

The school is now in need of greater accommodation and more teachers. Prof. D. Ghosh, Chairman of the Committee, announced at the meeting that they proposed to have a building of their own within a year or so and expressed the hope that the members of the Bengali community in Bombay would donate handsomely to attain this object soon.

Mr. Killedar heartily congratulated the Committee and particularly Mr. B. N. Sen, the honorary secretary for the success which the school has achieved during the short period of its existence and hoped that their efforts to have a building of their own will be realised ere long.

ILLUMINATION OF MOSQUES

Majlis-i-Awam's Protest

The Secretary, Majlis-i-Awam, Bombay, writes:—
A meeting of the Managing Committee of Majlis-i-Awam was held on Tuesday at 9-30 p.m.

The following resolution was passed:—
"This meeting of the Committee of Majlis-i-Awam protests against the decision of illumination of their mosques by certain Trustees, in connection with the Coronation Ceremony, and warns them that their said decision is against the religious sentiments of the Muslims and the sanctity of mosques. It further appeals to the Mussalmans of Bombay to strive and see that no illumination is done in the mosque in their locality on the occasion of the Coronation ceremony."

It was also decided that a public meeting should be held to explain and reiterate the above resolution.

RESTORE KURLA MUNICIPALITY

Landlords' Association Demand

The Secretary, Kurla Landlords' Association, writes:—

An extraordinary general meeting of the Kurla Landlords' Association was held on Sunday last in the office of Mr. A. V. Dighe, Pleader, Kurla. About 50 landlords of Kurla were present. Mr. Syed Ahmed Kadri, the President of the Association was in the chair.

After some discussion the President moved "that the Landlords' Association of Kurla strongly urges that the suspension of the Kurla Municipality be terminated and the Municipality be handed over to the Kurla public. The Association invites the attention of the Government to the heavy expenditure of the present administration and in order to curtail expenditure and to effect economy recommends that the Municipality be re-established at once."

This resolution after being put to vote was carried by majority. It was also resolved to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, the Commissioner and the Collector, Bombay Suburban District.

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MATRICULATION SCANDAL

Referring to the fact that of the 23,892 students that appeared for the matriculation examination of the Calcutta University in 1935 only 14,272 passed, the Educational Commissioner with the Government of India makes the mild remark that "the wastage is considerable and gives cause for thought". Yet the Calcutta passes work out at very nearly 60 per cent and are not far below the percentage of 62.4 for the whole of British India. We wonder what the Commissioner would say of the results of the last supplementary Matriculation examination of the Bombay University, declared on Wednesday. These show only 18 per cent passes and give one something furiously to think. We admit that this examination was meant only for those who had failed at the two previous ones. But considering that the text books prescribed for the examination were the same as for the previous ones, that many students had obtained exemption from appearing for certain subjects and that this was the last examination under the old rules, the results might in fairness have been much better.

Slaughter

Even if we take the results of the annual matriculation examination of 1935, a normal year, the position is deplorable enough. The latest Educational Report for the whole of India gives a table of comparative results of the matriculation or school leaving examination in the different provinces of British India. The table applies only to men candidates but the percentage figures are not much altered by the passes among women candidates. The pass percentage in Bombay is only 36.5, the lowest in British India. In Bengal the corresponding figure is 59.8; in U.P. 55.7; in the Punjab 75; in Assam 64.2, and the average for British India is 62.4. From 36.5 in 1935 the percentage of passes in Bombay came down to 28 at the examination in April 1936, to 21 at the November examination of the same year and is now only 18. These figures about the recent examinations thoroughly justify the use of the term "slaughter" that is now on the lips of many in speaking of the Bombay matriculation.

The Right Remedy

Why has the slaughter been a common feature in Bombay for

the last few years? We shall consider only a few causes here. Firstly, the problem of the educated unemployed having reached huge dimensions of late, Government and their supporters like Vice-Chancellors and nominated Senators have recently started a propaganda to create the impression that there are too many students in the colleges who are either unfit for higher education or fail to get suitable service. The contention that too many students in colleges are unfit for higher education is not borne out by the results of the higher University examinations, which are much better than those at the matriculation. As for the difficulty of educated men with only literary education getting suitable service, the right remedy is to create more openings for service by developing trade and industries, to cease to reserve posts for Europeans and to provide more technical instruction to students calculated to enable them to add to the wealth of the country. But that policy does not suit the interests of the Government, who, therefore, archly suggest, through their henchmen in the Universities, that an easy but effective method of reducing the number of the educated unemployed is to reduce the number of students in colleges. Unfortunately, the Bombay University has succumbed earlier than other Universities to Government's subtle propaganda. Another important cause of the low percentage of passes at the Bombay Matriculation is inefficient teaching. The prospects of the teachers in high schools are too bad to attract many able graduates or under-graduates. Secondly, for want of facilities in training, very few teachers in the Presidency are adequately equipped for their tasks. While the percentage of trained secondary teachers is 83 in Madras, 69 in U.P. and 80 in the Punjab, it is only 50 in Bombay. If the University and the Government wish, for one reason or other, to raise the standard of the matriculation, the right way is to improve the teaching and the curricula. It is grossly unfair suddenly to raise the standard by neglecting these and ploughing down thousands of matriculation candidates.

Cart And Horse

Addressing a gathering at 'the Green's Hotel' the other evening, Mr. Jinnah complained that Congress was putting the cart before the horse by emphasising the hunger and poverty of the masses. It is, of course, difficult for Mr. Jinnah to understand that the economic interests of the masses are infinitely more important than the political privileges of classes which are his main concern. But in seeking to justify his position that a settlement of "minority problems"—as he understands them—is a condition precedent to a stable Government, he referred to the example of Egypt and the famous Egyptian leader, Zaghlul Pasha. Does he know that Copts never tried to invent any fundamental or vital difference with Zaghlul or the Wafd as regards the political objective of the nation or the method of achieving it? Does he know that they never demanded separate electorates? And does he know that they never asked for a separate position implying dual and co-equal sovereignty, that they, indeed, have been a part of the same Egyptian nation? These are important questions since Mr.

Jinnah, we note, has now demanded in clear language that the Zaghlul of India should seek for him to discuss the minority question. Mr. Jinnah, by the way, spoke in regard to "all the minorities in the country." A cynical critic may feel inclined to invite Mr. Jinnah to do a little bit of national service by dealing with the minority question in, say, the Punjab. Meanwhile we are glad to note that Muslims everywhere are showing signs of mass awakening to their national and real communal obligations. They are realising that it is their duty not to hold aloof from the Congress, the one National organisation that belongs in common to all Indians and that is fighting the common battle of all. Dr. Khan Sahib, who is successfully giving the message of patriotism to Muslims in the Punjab, says in a Press interview that Muslims will not only join the Congress but also eventually take the lead in the freedom movement. This spirit of robust optimism well befits the leader whose people have given a gallant account of themselves. Moreover it is both a lead and a challenge by the Frontier Pathan to his co-religionists elsewhere.

BANKRUPTCY NOTICES

Action By The Law Society

(BY N. H. PANDIA)

The recent amendment of the provisions in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, relating to the execution of money decrees by arrest of a judgment debtor, although well-intentioned, are causing a considerable amount of inconvenience and loss to judgment creditors.

While giving protection to honest debtors, the new provisions are also proving a charter of protection to dishonest judgment debtors. Due to the practically guaranteed immunity of debtors from arrest and detention in a civil jail, honest creditors are discouraged from resorting to a Court of Law to enforce their just claims. Why should a person undergo the costs of legal proceedings, when an almost impossible burden is thrown on him of proving that the judgment debtor has, "with the object or effect of obstructing or delaying the execution of the decree" after suit, "dishonestly," transferred, concealed or removed any part of his property, or committed other act of bad faith in relation to his property and so immunity from arrest is conferred on a debtor by the law, in execution of a decree that may be passed against him? It is a demonstrable fact that the number of money suits has fallen since the amendment was made.

But this is not all. Honest persons in need of money find it difficult to obtain loans on credit. Shroffs refuse to lend moneys on credit, when they find that an unscrupulous debtor can successfully defeat their just dues. The new provisions are likely to prove a blow to Shroffs.

What then is the remedy? The Code has been amended and it is unreasonable to expect that the amendment will be forthwith repealed. Is it possible to give a compensatory remedy to a judgment creditor, at the same time protecting an honest debtor?

The remedy lies in amending S. 9 of the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act and the corresponding section of the Provincial Insolvency Act, by inserting therein a provision similar to that existing in England in regard to Bankruptcy Notices.

Under the law in force in England, a creditor after he has obtained a decree for money against a judgment debtor, can serve on the judgment debtor a Notice. If the judgment debtor does not pay the judgment debt within the time specified in the notice or satisfy the Court that he has a just cross-claim or set off, the judgment creditor can, on this ground, have the debtor adjudged an insolvent and his property collected and distributed among his creditors under the law as to insolvency.

It is eminently desirable and in the interest of honest judgment debtors as well as creditors that provisions similar to those relating to Bankruptcy Notices in England, should be introduced immediately into the law of insolvency in India.

Law Society's Move
Already a move has been made in this direction by the Bombay Incorporated Law Society. In fact, the Law Society submitted a Petition to the Government of India as far back as the year 1930 urging the amendment of S. 9 of the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act as suggested above; but nothing appears to have been done by Government in the matter.

Occasion was again taken by the Law Society last year when the opinion of the Society was invited by Government on certain proposals to amend the law of insolvency in British India, to remind Government of the urgency of the matter.

The matter has now become more than ever urgent and vital in view of the amendment of S. 51 of the Code. Accordingly, the Law Society has submitted a further Petition on the subject, to Government.

A copy of the representations made by the Law Society to Government, on this subject, is given in the current number of the Bombay Law Journal.

Our London Letter

(By Our Own Correspondent)

Busmen's Strike

LONDON, April 23.

(By Air Mail.)

With a fortnight to go when everything appeared to be moving satisfactorily for the Coronation, London busmen have caused a panic in Government circles by their unanimous decision, taken on Saturday last, to go on strike on this Friday (April 30) night because of the persistent refusal of the London Transport Board to grant a claim for a 7-12 hour working day. The decision was taken at a conference of delegates representing every branch of London busmen and, as Mr. Ernest Bevin said after the decision, there was no qualification about the decision. As far as the Union is concerned, the decision taken will stand whatever may be the negotiations initiated by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown.

Busmen's Demand

The decision of the busmen suggests that Great Britain is almost certainly entering a period of disputes. The refusal of the Transport Board to give the busmen their half hour, and the attempt of the Notts coal-owners and the local authorities which they seem to control to smash genuine trades unionism in Notts have brought the possibility of two great strikes into the immediate foreground. Of course, if you try to find out from the London newspapers the causes of these disputes, all that you learn is that the Communists are spoiling the Coronation. You will find any amount of news about the intended strike in the papers. You will find lamentations about the wickedness of threatening to spoil the Coronation. You will find an account of the Government's intervention. But you will find it almost impossible to

discover the little fact that what the men want is half an hour off their working day. Both in the case of the busmen and in the case of the miners, the whole crisis is represented by the Press as some inexplicable outbreak of "labour unreason." The whole impression which the papers try to create is that the men are just striking, apparently for no particular reason. The Press does everything in the world to prevent its readers realising that the men are striking in each case for one very simple though all-important demand (for tolerable working hours and for the right to organise), and that if these two simple demands were granted there would be no strike this month.

All day yesterday officials of the London Passenger Transport Board, with the backing of the Government, continued their efforts to dissuade the busmen from taking their decision to strike at mid-night on Friday. Every conceivable method, short of granting the men's demands, is being tried out. Plans for a truce till after the Coronation, offers of a public inquiry, proposals for fresh discussions, all these are being used to jockey the busmen out of the strong position they now occupy. All these manoeuvres are likely to fail. Step by step the busmen have tried every constitutional avenue open to them. By a unanimous decision of a conference they have decided to strike and their decision has the endorsement of the Executive Council.

A Curious Document

Last night's post brought to me a most curious document—a document issued for private circulation in the Navy with the object of setting forth what is appa-

rently the official naval review of the international situation. It starts from March, 1936, and the first two things on which it comments are Hitler's March plebiscite and the French elections. Of the first it says that it shows "if, indeed, any proof were necessary, that an overwhelming majority of German people were behind their Government's foreign policy. Of the second, "in striking contrast were the French elections which gave a small majority to an unnatural combination of Left-Wing Parties ranging from Radical-Socialists to Communists. The advent to power of a Socialist Government was immediately followed by widespread strikes which were settled by surrender to the workers' demands."

The bias continues throughout the document. Of the struggle in Spain, it says: "Its origins are to be found in the incapacity of a politically uneducated people to work a ready-made democratic constitution.... There is little doubt that the military leaders (i.e. of the revolt) were actuated by sincere patriotism.... For a short time the agreement (non-intervention) was kept, but meanwhile the success of the insurgents so alarmed Russia that she decided upon active intervention on a large scale.... Politically, Russia's intervention was too much for Germany and larger forces of German 'volunteers' were quickly sent to Spain." Of this passage one can only say that it would be difficult to pack more misleading and untruthful statements into a small space, even if one were a skilled journalist writing for Lord Rothermere. It compares Communism and Fascism at some length, much to the disadvantage of the former. And against them it puts "the free institutions of the democratic

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

PROTECT AGAINST FORWARD POLICY

We are glad the National Council of England has decided to interest itself in the events that are happening in the tribal area of the North-West Frontier. The Council proposes to press for an inquiry into the economic, political and military situation. We do not know how far it will succeed in achieving this object. But it can certainly help to create, to howsoever small an extent, public opinion in England and abroad against the "Forward" policy of the British Indian Government. It can also conduct a persistent campaign in the House of Commons.

ULSTER IN PALESTINE?

It appears from a Jerusalem message that there is a tentative suggestion about partitioning Palestine presumably into Jewish and Arab sections. This would be an astounding suggestion were it not for one fact, that the British Imperialist genius is historically capable of brilliant feats "divide et impera". Ulster geographically, separate electorates in India supergeographically are obvious examples. It is now the turn of Palestine. But the attempt will fail. In the first place, the game is more or less played out and in the second place Palestine belongs first and last to its inhabitants and not to foreigners dumped into it by the British in the name of that convenient instrument of Imperialist greed, the League of Nations. The sooner Britain realises this the better for both the parties concerned.

RIGHTS OF INDIAN SHIPPING

In a letter addressed to the Imperial Shipping Committee on the subject of the inquiry into the position of British shipping in the Far East, the Indian Merchants' Association, Karachi, makes a suggestion that "at least 50 per cent. of the coastal traffic should be reserved to Indian shipping, which quota should be progressively increased." This is a very modest suggestion, considering the legitimate rights and needs of Indian shipping. Nor should India refrain from demanding a due share in the overseas traffic in the Far East as the trade in this region con-

sists principally of her exports and imports. Overseas traffic should not be regarded as something beyond the ambition of India. If Indian buyers are organised enough, it should not be impossible for them to come to an understanding with Phalan.

PHALAN STATE

We have received the annual administration report for the year 1935-36 of the Phalan State, which is a small but historically famous principality in the Deccan. The population of the State according to the last census amounts to 58,761 and the average revenue is a little above five rupees five paces. There is a Legislative Council in the State consisting of nineteen members, ten of whom are nominated by the Durbar. The powers enjoyed by this semi-official council are not specified in the report. The total expenditure on education for the year amounted to Rs. 33,596 and the percentage of boys under instruction to the total male population declined from 10 to 9.1 during the year. The percentage of girl students is still more appalling being barely 1.6! The Durbar certainly cannot be complimented upon this position. Nor is the report any more reassuring regarding various other national building factors. And it is obvious that the State has to make up a good deal of leeway before it can come to the level of other comparatively advanced States.

A SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTION

The resolution urging the abolition of the Zamindari system with due compensation to the Zamindars which was recently adopted by the Gaya District Political Conference is extremely significant. Such a resolution would have been condemned as Communistic only a few years ago, but the fact that it was supported in the Gaya Conference even by Zamindars is a pointer to the remarkable advance in public opinion. There is nothing so-called about the Zamindari system, and it cannot be gaudied that it has to-day become entirely antiquated and anachronistic. The fact is that a large number of Zamindars are themselves not much better off than the most of

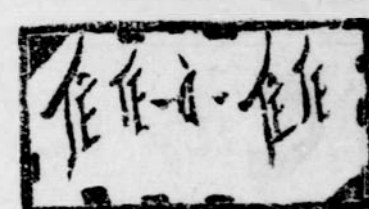
the tenants, and they would, indeed, be glad to be relieved from their present parlous position. And the guarantee of compensation, though it may entail an onerous burden on the State, conclusively proves that the sponsors of this reform are not actuated by any ideas of class strife. They only aim at social justice and the economic rehabilitation of the down-trodden peasantry.

HINDI PRACHARA SABHA

The second annual report of the Hindi Prachara Sabha, Bombay, for the year ending February, 1937, testifies to the excellent work this institution is doing by providing instruction in Hindi to the people of Bombay City. The Sabha is now conducting as many as 19 classes in various parts of the city and in the suburbs and over a thousand of the students instructed in these classes have passed the various examinations held by the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachara Sabha of Madras. Those who wish to avail themselves of the classes can get fuller particulars about them from the Secretary of the Sabha, Adenwala Building, New Queen's Road, Bombay, 4.

RAMMOHAN ENGLISH SCHOOL QUARTERLY

The April issue of the quarterly is styled the V. S. Sohoni Commemoration Number, and as such is devoted solely to appreciative articles on Mr. V. S. Sohoni, who retired from the Superintendentship of the school last month. The present prosperous position of the school is largely due to the zeal and devoted efforts of its late Superintendent, and it is thus natural that his departure should have been universally regretted. The contributors to the present commemoration number include Mr. Sohoni's colleagues, friends and students, young and old, and they dwell upon various aspects of Mr. Sohoni's career. Messages from well-known educationists like Dr. Macnicol and Rev. Cuthbert are also published.



"CALCUTTA, May 4.
Talks of an informal nature took place this morning between the Labour Minister, Mr. Suhrawardy, and the Labour leaders at the former's residence."

—A.P.
Whereafter, hopes the Junior Colleague, conversations of a strictly informal nature took place between the Labour Minister and the President of the Owners' Association.

The National Peace Council of England declares itself to be keenly interested in the events on the North-West Frontier of India and proposes to press for an enquiry into the economic, political and military situation there. "The All-India Muslim League" must immediately issue a warning to the N. P. C.

It is reported that arrangements are being made to hold a joint conference of Provincial "Interim Ministers".

The initiative for establishing solidarity against the common enemy, Democracy, naturally comes from that proud ornament of Democratic Swaraj, Mr. Jinnah.

The Presidentship of the conference has not yet been decided up, but we would suggest one of the following:—

- (1) General Franco.
- (2) The Editor of the "Morning Post", and particularly,
- (3) General Hayashi of Japan.

Some of the electors in Mr. Jinnah's constituency, the B. B. and C. I. Railway Union, have issued a statement defending him. On the ground that the Hon. gentleman never committed himself to Congress and its policy.

... but, they should have gone on to add, to the principle and policy of Democratic Swaraj which means stabbing both democracy and swaraj in the back.

"Mystery", it is reported, "surrounds the reason why the U. P. Government have not yet published the interim budget".

And, as Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai says, behind the interim Ministers, the Governor continues to enjoy his powers.

"Very laudable too, will be the reaction of the tax-payer" says Anglo-India apropos of Mr. M. Yonus' refusing the use of a special saloon.

We are not sure of that, though the tax-payers are growing internally cynical you know. But approval of the Bihar Minister's action by Anglo-India is certainly an unimpressive desertion of Mr. Jinnah's Mehta.

"For the moment the two parties would seem to have sunk these differences in the common cause of democratic power versus militarist dictatorship. Their election victory should give them confidence."

—"Times of India."
Steady. You mustn't rush to conclusions. This generous sympathy for democratic power is strictly confined to Japan, where General Hayashi sticks to office, in spite of an adverse majority in the Diet.

In India the situation of course is entirely different. And, any way, it is not militarist dictatorship but the Hon. Mr. Democratic Swaraj that is in power.

Good Heavens!
According to Mr. Jinnah's latest the Congress and the Muslim League agreed so far as their goal was concerned, namely, attainment of Responsible Government with adequate safeguards for the minorities.

If "Responsible Government" is identical with Independence, if agreement means "fundamental difference"—well, it's all a, we bit confusing although not exactly uncharacteristic.

Mr. Jinnah referred to an incident in Egypt when Zaghlul invited Copt. leaders who submitted their demands whereupon the Egyptian leader asked them to bring those demands in writing and signed them without looking into them.

Unfortunately Mr. Jinnah omitted to tell his audience what were the demands the Copt leaders placed before Zaghlul which he got reduced to writing and signed without looking into it.

"A room with two beds, sir? But you're travelling alone?" "Yes," said Mr. Henpecked. "It's just that I wish to enjoy the silence from the other bed."

Bengal Premier In Temper Never Asked For Congress Help, Nor Admitted Strikers' Demands Were Just

CALCUTTA, May 5. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, the Chief Minister of Bengal, in a statement to the press, emphatically denies the statement made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that he asked him for pecuniary help to enable him to carry on the election campaign of his party.

Labour Demands

He also denies ever having admitted that the demands of the jute strikers are just and proper and that he is now trying to throw all the blame on the labourers.

No Part Of Govt.

He adds that it is no part of a Government to decide disputes as a judge and then force its decision on any party.

COMMUNIST BOGEY

Pandit Jawaharlal and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose made the significant admission that these strikes are only part of a movement for the political emancipation of India. This, however, is using guarded language to avoid the clutches of the law and catch the popular imagination, but the real nature of the game of these well-wishers of labour who are fomenting these strikes is quite apparent. There has not been anything like a real economic basis for these strikes, and now at any rate they are admittedly being used by communist leaders to pave the way for a revolution in India.

FUTURE CHARGE

While holding that it is futile to charge Ministers with callousness towards "the miserable plight" of the strikers, Mr. Huq says: "Pandit Jawaharlal has evidently been told that the best way to break the Ministry in Bengal is by abusing me and exposing me to ridicule and humiliation. He is very much mistaken if he has been convinced of anything like this. I may remain a Minister or I may go, but the

Bengal Ministry will remain where the confederates of Pandit Jawaharlal will be in a minority, unable to influence the administration according to their wishes. WON'T BE COWED DOWN "He should have known that I am not a man to be cowed down by threats or upset by abuses. Ever since the day in 1921 when I declined to join the non-cooperation movement started by Mr. Gandhi, I have been the victim of unmerited abuse and vile misrepresentation both in the press and on the platform, but through the mercy of Providence neither the abuse, nor misrepresentation have been successful in dislodging me from the position which I hold in the affections of my countrymen."

WARNING TO STRIKERS

Mr. Huq concludes his statement by warning the strikers whose representatives, instead of discussing the situation with the Ministers who have been working unceasingly to bring about peace, have taken the extraordinary step of inviting Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to come to Calcutta and hurl reckless abuse at him and his colleagues.—A.P.

FOUR RAIDERS KILLED

But In Wana Area Tribesmen Steal Several Hundred Camels

SIMLA, May 5. A Press Communique says that during the night of the 3-4th a gang of tribesmen, who had raided Paharpur in Dera Ismail Khan District as previously reported, was intercepted by the Scinde Horse. The gang was waylaid in Takwara Nala about 10 miles north east of Tank. Four raiders were killed and others wounded. Sixteen maunds of loot and two rifles were recovered. As far as is known we had no casualties. The North Waziristan area has been quiet and a convoy ran to Dandil on May 4, without incident.

CAMELS STOLEN

In Wana area, in South Waziristan, gangs are abroad intent on mischief. It is reported that there have been several raids on migrating Powindahs on the Gomal river route during the past few days and that several hundred camels have been stolen by raiders. It is reported that Jant Mir, a notorious Tori Khel Lashkar leader, was seriously wounded in the leg on May 2.

GOVT'S CASUALTIES

The names of the Indian (other tanks killed in operations between April 27 and April 29 are:—Sepoy Jan Mahomed, Second Battalion, 8th Punjab Regiment, Lance Naik Ram Sikh and Sepoy Ram Sarup Singh, Second Battalion, 4th Bombay Grenadiers and Naik Sadra, First Battalion, 17th Dogra Regiment.

The names of 26 wounded are also given in the Communique.—A.P.

PECS STRIKERS CONVICTED

Allegation Of Violence To Property Against Committee

BUDAPEST, May 5. The mass trial of the 'suicide' strikers at Pecs has ended at Vasas. Six members of the Strike Committee received sentences ranging from a fortnight to three months' imprisonment; seven workers received a fortnight; 57 were sentenced to a week and 120 were acquitted. The sentences on all but the Committee men have been suspended for a probationary period of three years.

The Committee was accused of violence against private individuals and private property. The Court declared that the miners' average wage of a pound sterling or less per week for families with many children could scarcely be called a living wage.—Reuter.

How "Espana" Was Sunk

LONDON, May 5. The battleship "Espana" was sunk by a mine, not by bombs or gunfire according to the Admiralty information Sir Samuel Hoare announced in the Commons. The British steamer "Knitsley" reported that the destroyer "Velasco" which was attempting to intercept her was called to the assistance of the "Espana" at about 8-51 a.m. No aircraft were observed till 9-55 a.m. after the battleship had been stationary and the destroyer had been seen in close attendance for one hour. Three aircraft then appeared at a considerable height and the "Espana" opened fire with anti-aircraft guns but did not attempt to get away which would have been expected if she had not been damaged.

Observers aboard the "Knitsley" stated definitely they saw no bombs falling in the vicinity or striking the "Espana".

The two loud explosions heard are believed to have been shore batteries firing. The "Espana" sank at about 10-10 a.m.—Reuter.

Traditions Of Army And Police Services!

LONDON, May 5. The Indian and Burman Coronation contingent has sent the following reply to Lord Zetland's message of welcome:—"All ranks of the Indian Army, Indian Police, the Burma Contingent and the Burma Police thank you for your message of welcome. We all look forward to receiving your Lordship on May 10."

The following reply has been sent to the Viceroy:—"All ranks of the Indian Contingent, thank Your Excellency for your message. You may rely on us to do our utmost to uphold the traditions of the services we represent."—Reuter.



General Hayashi, Premier of Japan, on whose Government a vote of censure is likely to be passed in the Diet.

Befitting Her Prestige

Italy To Enter Naval Race For Defence And Expansion

ROME, May 5. An early increase in Italian Naval Power was foreshadowed in a statement by Admiral Cavourani Under-Secretary for Navy speaking at the Chamber. He declared that Italy would increase her cruiser force and proportionately strengthen other categories of naval units. "Italy will make in the near future necessary efforts to have her Navy commensurate with the importance of its vital functions, its defence, expansion and prestige in the world."—Reuter.

ARABS OPPOSE PARTITION OF PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, May 4. Arab Higher Committee has issued a statement completely dissociating itself from the rumour with regard to the partitioning of Palestine.

It is declared Arabs are not wavering from insistence on the fulfilment of the demands presented to the Royal Commission.—Reuter.

FAITESVOSJEUX WINS CHESTER CUP

LONDON, May 5. Chester Cup run at Chester over a distance of two miles two furlongs resulted as follows:—FAITESVOSJEUX (Maher) 1, KEPTON (A. Taylor) 2, SIR CALIDORE (D. Smith) 3. Seventeen ran.

The race was won by three lengths. Two lengths separated the second and third horses. The winner was trained by Cottrell. The following were the starting prices:—8/1 Fatesvosjeux, 10/1 Kepton, 10/1 Sir Calidore.—Reuter's Special.

WOMEN WORKERS' EXODUS

Sequel To Disturbance In Hoogly Area

CALCUTTA, May 5. The majority of the women labourers in the mills in Hoogly District have left for their homes owing to the uneasiness created by the strikers' attempts at violence on Monday.

These strikers also threatened loyal workers with social ostracism.—A.P.

'C. R.' SUMMONS MADRAS ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

MADRAS, May 5. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, the Leader of the Congress Party in the Madras Legislature, has summoned a general meeting of members of the Congress Party to be held in Madras on Sunday May 9.

In a communication to the Press Mr. Rajagopalachari regrets that the meeting originally fixed for May 2 had to be postponed owing to the Working Committee meeting at Allahabad. It is necessary, he says, that members should meet now to pass rules and discuss the situation so that the solidarity of the Party may be retained, and work be carried on in spite of the difficulties placed in our way by the Government.

"I know that it is very inconvenient and expensive for members residing in distant districts, but I trust that all will come. The Allahabad resolution and the future work of the Party will form the main subject for consideration, besides the rules."—A.P.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

Tram And Trolley Workers Will Line Up With Busmen

LONDON, May 4. A definite possibility has arisen of tram and trolley-bus men striking in sympathy with the London busmen.

The Delegate meeting which is being held to-day will demand "plenary powers for strike action" from the Executive of the Transport Workers' Union.

According to the Secretary of the Western area of the Trolley Bus Co-ordination Committee if the demand is refused men are likely to take unofficial action.—Reuter.

KING MAKES ENQUIRIES ABOUT STRIKE SITUATION

LONDON, May 4. The absence of rain has minimised the inconvenience caused by the omnibus strike which is now in its fourth day. Trams and tube train were crowded during the morning rush hours, but were on the whole able to cope with the exceptional traffic.

In other respects the strike continues without incident. There was no meeting of the Court of Inquiry this morning, but its sessions will be resumed late this afternoon.

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown was received at the Buckingham Palace last evening by the King, who sought information regarding the dispute and expressed the hope that there would be a speedy settlement.

The Ministry's Chief Conciliation Officer, F. W. Leggett, remains in constant touch with both the sides, and is in readiness to deal with any new development that may arise.

Resume Work Pending Settlement Of Dispute

LONDON, May 4. It is understood that definite moves are proceeding behind the scenes to try to get London busmen to resume work towards the end of the week.

It is gathered that the aim is to get the men to return to work not on ground of complete settlement of the dispute, but on the basis of resumption pending negotiations on a pre-arranged basis for a final settlement.—Reuter's Special.

FIRE HAVOC IN LOWER EGYPT

Twelve Perish And 2,000 Rendered Homeless

CAIRO, May 5. Twelve peasants perished, thirteen were seriously injured and 2,000 rendered homeless as a result of a fire in the village of El Bakatush in Lower Egypt; 385 houses were destroyed. The fire is believed to have been started by a spark, which escaped while a woman was baking bread. Government have despatched tents and food for the homeless and an inquiry is being opened.—Reuter.

NO LIMITATION ON GOLFERS' CLUBS

LONDON, May 5. The Royal and Ancient Golf Club has rejected the proposal to limit golfers' use of fourteen clubs. The recommendation passed the straight vote but failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. Following the proposal in January a secret inquiry by the Golf Club Secretaries' Association revealed that only 7 of the 81,000 members carried over fourteen clubs.—Reuter.

INDIAN VISITORS TO LONDON

LONDON, May 5. A large gathering of Indians was present at Victoria Station to welcome Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Sir Akbar Hydari, the Nawab of Bahawalpur and the Rajasab of Wankaner. Colonel J. C. Tate represented the India Office.

Dr. Ba Maw arrived in London and was met by Mr. D. T. Monteth representing Lord Zetland and Mr. G. G. Dixon representing the Burma Office.—Reuter.

PALESTINE ROYAL COMMISSION

LONDON, May 5. The Palestine Royal Commission has concluded the hearing of evidence. Further evidence was heard at a recent private session from Earl Lytton, Lord Lloyd, and Mr. Lloyd George.—Reuter.

U. P. Puppets Plan For Peasant Support BANKS AND BOARDS TO TACKLE RURAL DEBT

Land Sale Made Easy For Landlords: Industrial Colony To Train Jobless Youths

LUCKNOW, May 5. The 'interim' Ministry set up by the Governor of the United Provinces has drawn up an elaborate rural programme.

The Ministry proposes tackling in a businesslike way the problem of rural indebtedness, firstly by the establishment of banks, secondly by affording facilities for marketing, thirdly by setting up village debt conciliation boards, and fourthly by providing for the compulsory registration of money-lenders.

Schemes are already in course of preparation in connection with all these objects.

Tenants As Proprietors

The Ministry has under consideration a vital scheme designed to enable landlords to sell their land on a voluntary basis to tenants against an issue of Government bonds, thus enabling the tenants to become proprietors of their holdings in course of time.

BID FOR BOLD

RURAL DRIVE

It is the intention of the present Ministry to initiate and prosecute a bold rural policy. The essential feature of the programme will be to encourage on a comprehensive scale the development of cottage industries in rural areas. The Department of Industries will also take up the recommendation of the Industries Reorganisation Committee, and devote its attention to the development of certain major industries, undertaking research in this connection. The Department will be strengthened by the employment of experts.

The Agriculture Department is being asked to apply itself more to the practical problems of cultivators.

CATTLE IMPROVEMENT

Regarding the question of the improvement of cattle, the Government is considering the desirability of having an Animal Husbandry Department, which will look after both the veterinary and cattle breeding work. Several new schemes are being initiated in the Co-operative Department intended to be of enduring benefit to the cultivator. The extension of medical and public health facilities to the rural areas is one of the important items in the programme.

RURAL ROADS

The improvement of roads in rural areas will engage the serious attention of the Ministry. In particular the Ministry is considering the desirability of tarring portions of the main provincial roads where they pass through villages to avoid the dust nuisance in villages.

One of the most important problems before the Ministry is the relief of unemployment among educated young men. The recommendations of the Sapru Committee will be given effect to with as little delay as possible.

Subhas Bose's Spectacular Programme

LAHORE, May 5. A report says that if his health is restored by his stay in Dalhousie Mr. Bose on his return will take a very active part in politics and may make a start by placing before the public what is described as a spectacular programme, to which Congress may have no occasion to object.

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Anarchists Control Barcelona

Police Force Defeated In Fight

PERPIGNAN, May 5. Following fighting with the police the anarchists gained control of most of Barcelona according to messages received here.

Trouble, it is reported, arose when General Itat forces tried to dislodge anarchists from the telephone building, wherein they had installed themselves. The police were beaten off and chased at the point of the revolver into the suburbs, casualties hitherto are not known.

It is also reported that the President of the company has appealed for troops from forces fighting on Saragossa front.—Reuter.

FRANCO OFFICER RESIGNS

PARIS, May 4. Serraty Bonastre, former representative of Foreign Affairs Department in Franco's Government

Soviet Ships Interfered with

(Continued from page 1) either parties in Spain since the outbreak of the civil war setting out their views on the legal and other issues which would arise if such a ship was interfered with, and indicating what action they considered, should be taken collectively or individually by the Governments, parties to the non-intervention agreement.

The Soviet representative said that 34 Soviet ships had been interfered with, only one of which was bound for a Spanish port. He proposed the establishment of a Committee of Experts to discuss the matter, but after Lord Plymouth had promised that the question would be studied as carefully and rapidly as possible, the Soviet representative said he would not press the suggestion at present.—Reuter.

Brook's Prospects

MARSEILLES, May 5. Brook left at 09-50 (B.S.T.) and hopes to reach Heston at about 14-00 hours. He has still 07-00 to-morrow in which to beat Amy Johnson's record of four days, 16 hours and 17 minutes.—Reuter.

H. L. Brook, the airman, who left Rome at 05-45 local time landed here at 08-40 B.S.T.—Reuter.

BOMB EXPLODES IN TRAIN

Fr. Police Nonplussed By Occurrence Between Bordeaux And Marseilles

MARSEILLES, May 5. The police are nonplussed by the reason of a bomb explosion in a local train, which killed one and injured five. The train was travelling between Bordeaux and Marseilles, when the explosion occurred. It is surmised that the bomb might have been intended for the famous Blue Train, which was bound for Marseilles at about the same time.—Reuter.

CLYDESIDE STRIKE CALLED OFF?

LONDON, May 5. The Clydeside apprentices have resumed work.—Reuter.

It has been learnt with regret that Mehtar of Chitral's son and the heir born recently, died in a short span of a fortnight.

Utilise Deadlock For National Struggle

Meherally Outlines Socialist Tactics At Maharashtra Party Conference

BOMBAY, May 5. "When the history of the present times comes to be written, the discriminating historian will mark out the birth of the Congress Socialist Party as one of the most important events of the recent years," declared Mr. Yusuf Meherally, presiding over the Maharashtra Congress Socialist Conference at Karad in Satara District. Programme And Tactics

"The programme and tactics of the Party has been evolved after a careful study of Indian condition and the progress that it has made in the face of great odds, during its very brief existence of two and half years, fills one with great hopes for the future". To The Critics

"All attempts, directed towards weakening the hold of the Party are bound to end in failure in your Province, as elsewhere, for the Party stands to-day for a political line, whose correctness has been repeatedly demonstrated. Those who are attacking the Party, will soon find themselves into an intellectual isolation camp.

SUCCESS OF PARTY'S LINE

"It is obvious that the existence of the Party far from weakening the Congress, has definitely strengthened its prestige and morale as a fighting organisation. This is evident from some of the most important resolutions adopted by the Lucknow and Faizpur Session of the Congress. The Anti-Corruption resolution, the one for a nation-wide Hartal on the 1st of April, on the War Danger, on Mass Contacts, and on the Agrarian Programme, show, how well the Party's view point is being appreciated in the Congress. In fact the C.S.P. has worked both as a strengthening and radicalising force in the present body."

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS
Referring to the present constitutional 'impasse' Mr. Meherally said that seldom had events moved with such rapidity on the Indian political chess board, during what may be called "peace time," as between the meeting of the A.I.C.C. in Delhi witnessed the historic fight on the issue of Office Acceptance. Two and half years of controversy had invested the decision with an importance of its own. With the help of other left wing Congressmen and the influential support of the Congress President himself, the debate on the Party Amendment to the Working Committee's Resolution, reached a height, not often attained before. That our amendment could muster as many as 78 votes, while the other amendments failed miserably, collecting only a few straggling votes—demonstrated that their Party had become the acknowledged rallying ground of the left in the Congress as well as in the country.

NO COMPROMISE
He welcomed the deadlock and said:

"We are now faced with a situation full of immense possibilities. To-day, we have a deadlock in law, we must now develop it into a deadlock in fact. How is this transformation to be brought about? We should now begin an immediate agitation for the summoning of the various Provincial Assemblies. A time limit should be given to the Governors, within which the Assemblies should be convened. If the Governors neglect to do so a special meeting of the A.I.C.C. should authorise leaders of the Congress Parties to convene a session of their respective Provincial Assemblies, on their own initiative. All the M.L.A.'s should be invited to this session. Those present should constitute themselves into parallel Legislative Assembly and should take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the National Convention. The Assembly should then proceed to elect its President and its Deputy President and the Leader of the House should announce his own Cabinet. The House should thus proceed to expose the real nature of the Government of India Act and the yoke of British Imperialism in India. It should indicate what measures the Congress Government will undertake, as and when it really would come into power, when the shackles of the Act have been broken.

MASS ORGANISATION
Side by side, the Legislative activities should be linked up with mass struggle outside and intensive efforts should be made to organise the vast peasant masses, the workers in the towns and the middle classes. I have no doubt that if these steps are taken, in a very few months, the country will be prepared for the ordeal. It is a matter of regret that the Working Committee at its

last meeting should have failed to give a lead in this matter. In fact the present meeting was one of the most disappointing. It reiterated old shibboleths, instead of making a careful re-appraisal of the situation, particularly about the organisation of the vast peasant masses.

AWAKENING AMONGST MUSLIMS

During the past few weeks a great stir is visible amongst the Muslims all over India. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has again unwittingly put his finger on the real weak spot, and has issued instructions to all Congress Committees in India to take up the work and establish direct contact with the Muslim masses, and make every effort to get them in larger and larger numbers within the Congress organisation. That this move would alarm the Muslim communalists was to be expected. These reactionaries have been fattening upon the ignorance and the general backwardness of the Muslim masses. If once the Congress is able to reach them, their very existence will be in jeopardy.

WANTED CORRECT PERSPECTIVE

While, therefore, we should welcome the move to draw the Muslim masses increasingly into the Congress fold, it should be noted that maximum or even appreciable results will not be forthcoming until the communal question is approached from a correct perspective. The communal question is largely a social and economic one. It will not be solved merely by paper pacts. The correct solution for this is, to make the Hindu peasant and the Muslim peasant, the Hindu worker and the Muslim worker, and the Hindu and Muslim middle class conscious of the fact that their real interests are not contradictory but identical, that these common interests demand representation through common electorates and through common political organisations. It is precisely, because the Congress had upto now failed to stress the identity of the economic interest of Hindus and Muslims, that it has failed to mobilize the Muslim masses behind it in a larger measure than at present. This is what the Congress Socialist Party has been urging the Congress, and along this path alone lies a lasting solution of the Communal problem."

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The Conference passed a number of resolutions expressing sympathy with Calcutta Jute strikers condemning classification of political prisoners, extending fraternal greetings to Spanish people, urging boycott of Coronation, expressing sympathy with and support to demands of Indian States Subjects, welcoming Subas Bose and expressing the view that he should be elected President of the Gujarat Congress. The last resolution on the Constitutional deadlock read as follows:

PARTY VINDICATED

"This Conference holds that the refusal of the Government to agree to such simple and perfectly legitimate assurances as the Congress Party had demanded for the acceptance of Office in the new legislature exposes the intrinsically reactionary nature of the New Constitution and further the calculated insolence of Lord Zetland and Mr. Butler serve to prove the determination of British Imperialism to hold India in subjection. This deadlock is a further vindication of our Party's advocacy of the non-acceptance of Ministerial office where there is responsibility without power. This Conference, therefore, urges that the Congress should not modify these



Child labourers in Bhavnagar Textile Mills who, it is alleged, work from 8 to 10 hours.

Living Wage For Civic Employees

BOMBAY PUBLIC SUPPORT TO MINIMUM OF RS. 30

The support of the public of Bombay to the demand that the minimum salary of the Municipal employees should be Rs. 30 per month, a mere living wage was voiced by the speakers at a public meeting held on Wednesday evening on the Chhatrapati sands. The meeting had been convened under the auspices of the Municipal Workers' Union and Mr. R. S. Nimbkar was in the chair.

In the course of his speech Mr. Nimbkar said that the minimum amount necessary for a person with wife and children, to make a bare living, was Rs. 28 in the city of Bombay and the average wage that each one of the 12,000 Municipal employees got was about Rs. 23, which meant that they had to incur a debt of at least Rs. 5 per month.

The Municipal Commissioner and others who opposed the minimum wage motion sponsored recently in the Corporation pleaded that it would not be possible to increase the wage to Rs. 30 as that would mean an additional expenditure of twelve lakhs, which the Municipal finances did not allow.

The speaker suggested that the money could be found from the trimmings of the salaries of the highly paid staff including that of the Municipal Commissioner.

Mrs. Maniben moved the resolution of the evening to the effect that 12,000 employees of the Corporation were denied the essential right of food, clothing and shelter, and that the meeting

conditions regarding assurances by the slightest degree. **MOBILISE PUBLIC OPINION**
This Conference condemns the 'interim' Ministries which are formed at the behest of the Governors by people who do not command the confidence of the Legislature and holds that the only effective answer to such a reactionary and anti-national policy is the mobilisation of public opinion against the Ministries by a nation-wide agitation from village to village, and formulation of the economic and administrative grievances of the peasant masses with a view to expose the utter hollowness of the programme of amelioration prepared by these ministers."—A.P.

strongly supports the Municipal Employees' Union's demand that the minimum wage of the employees of the Corporation should be Rs. 30. The resolution further supported the proposal of some of the sympathisers of the workers in the Corporation who had brought forth a resolution to the above effect.

In commending the resolution, the speaker said that since the franchise had been widened and since the Municipal Elections were nearing, some of the corporators were fighting for a certain minimum wage for the workers. Referring to the resolution, he said that nothing would be done by the Corporation unless their hands were forced by public opinion. Hence it was essential that every one interested in the welfare of the poor working class people should support the move.

MERE LIP SYMPATHY

Mr. Lalji Pendse seconding the resolution said that if the Corporation and its members were really anxious to find the money to pay the workers, they could easily get it. But they were not anxious to do so. Since the elections were nearing they just wanted to show lip sympathy.

Mr. V. B. Karnik further supporting the resolution said that if the Corporation decided upon Rs. 30 minimum wage for the Municipal employees then it would have a very good reaction on the other employers of labour also. The poor, who comprised about 80 per cent of the voters should remember their duty during the approaching elections. They should return to the Corporation only such people who would fight for their rights.

The resolution was put to vote and passed. Mr. Nimbkar, then moved from the Chair the following resolution "This meeting deeply regrets the untimely death of Com. J. Adhikari, in whom the working classes have lost a humble, silent but a powerful friend."

After the presidential remarks the meeting terminated.

Mr. Gandhi and party leave Wardha for Gujarat on May 9. They are expected to stay there for two weeks.

MANAGEMENT ADAMANT

No Granting Of Strikers' Demands In Ramgopal Mills

(From Our Correspondent, HYDERABAD (Dn.) May 5.

"Having fully considered and studied the prevailing situation the management deemed it necessary to adopt such measures as would enable them to safeguard the interests of company. With this aim in view the company started engaging new hands, who are perfectly willing to discharge their duties efficiently," says a statement issued by the Ramgopal Mill authorities at Secunderabad, to-day.

The statement also deals elaborately about the wage cut notices and allege that the weavers without any notice, suddenly struck work, on April 5 demanding restoration of their 10 per cent wage cut. "The management being aware of continuous losses and after considering the present position of textile industry and continuous trade depression in order to safeguard the very best interests of the company made efforts to persuade the weavers to resume work. The weavers were then definitely informed that under no circumstances the management could accede to the weavers' demand for restoration of the 10 per cent wage cut," adds the statement. In conclusion the statement says that the wages of the workers of this mills have never been reduced beyond this bare 10 per cent.

KHER AT JALGAON

JALGAON, May 5.

Mr. B. G. Kher the leader of the Congress Party in the Bombay Legislative Assembly addressed a public meeting last night at Jalgaon under the presidency of Mr. Deekinandan Narayan. The speaker said that the Governor could have easily given the assurance asked for by the Congress and condemned interim ministries as being thoroughly against the principles of democracy. A resolution was adopted asking the Governor to convene the legislature at an early date. Last evening Mr. B. G. Kher proceeded to Yawal and Bhusawal and addressed similar meetings. At his tour of the Khandesh District a special meeting of Muslims was held. Mr. Kher left Jalgaon this morning to complete trip.—A. P.

PUBLIC DEMAND FOR CENTRAL BRIDGE

Suburban Leaders Discuss Parle Controversy

(From Our Correspondent, VILE PARLE, Wednesday.

The storm that has been ranging round the Vile Parle over-bridge tangle has confused the real issue behind the whole controversy. I approached some prominent citizens as to what they thought about the matter. Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt, a prominent municipal member and the leader of the Congress organisation in the Suburban District interviewed by me remarked that the whole question had unnecessarily assumed a controversial aspect. "He thought that the last resolution to have two bridges was a compromise resolution.

Asked as to whether the municipal finances would permit the maintenance of two bridges, he emphatically said that they would not. He also remarked that the idea to have two bridges in such close vicinity was in itself ridiculous. But the compromise was meant to be a way out of the muddle. "We all know," he said "that some of the tax-payers, not satisfied with the proposed solution have reopened the question by approaching the Collector who has asked for explanation and information on certain points arising out of the tangle.

VOICE IN WILDERNESS

Referring to Mr. Gunvantra Desai's statement to the press that in the Board's meeting held on 17th January 1937, Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt was not only present but did not raise any objection to the subject being discussed without being declared on the agenda, Mr. Gokulbhai said: "To me it appears that Mr. Desai's memory does not help him on this point, for Mr. Gomes and myself were late for the discussion at the meeting. When I saw that the subject was one in connection with the bridge, I was pained and felt sorry at the manner in which it was brought for the discussion. So far as I remember, my first contribution to the day's debate was the suggestion that a decision on the question be postponed for a week at least. In the course of my conversation with Mr. Desai on the occasion, I reminded him of the past history of the case and the intensity of public feelings over the question, but all this proved to be of little avail. Mine was a voice in the wilderness.

COLLECTOR AND BRIDGE

Asked as to his attitude if the Collector intervened in the matter and asked the board to restrict its commitment to one bridge only, he said: "In the first place, I do not believe there is sufficient ground for him to do so. But if he does so, the bridge that is used by a majority of the residents may prevail. Regarding the central situation and utility point for the majority of the public Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt said that most certainly the central bridge is that which may be parallel to the existing bridge. "What if, as he threatens to do, the donor sues the municipality for the breach of its contractual liability?"

Mr. Bhatt replied: Let the legal luminaries think as they please. I am not at all

worried over the eventuality. I am confident that in that event, better counsels will prevail and the way out will be found.

NEED FOR SPEEDY DECISION

Mr. Ramnikar Mehra, the president of the District Congress Committee, when interviewed by me had no hesitation to say that the central situation was the only one which the public had indicated and that too near the existing railway bridge. He reminded me that even at the time of the 1934 agitation Mr. Desai himself was one of those who asked for the above site for the bridge. He very much regretted the way in which the question of the bridge was allowed to drift and thought that if the question was not brought forward to an immediate end it might create further confusion.

WOMEN'S PROTEST

Mrs. Maniben Nanavati, a prominent Congress worker of the District, told me that the women on the western side when they found that the closing of the railway bridge will cause great inconvenience protested and twice prevailed on the municipality to agree to the public demand to have the bridge in the central place near the present one. Even in the meeting of the women of the East and West, presided over by Mr. Pardihi, the demand of the women was for the bridge as promised by the municipality in 1934. She thought the procrastination in the settlement of the question was the real danger in the issue and if the municipality forthwith constructed the bridge according to the public demand, the question would settle down to a peaceful close.

MR. DESAI SUPPORTED IT

Mr. Chuni Lal Burfiwala, the President of the District Local Board, when approached assured me that his connection with the issue was confined to leading the deputation in 1934 when the public asked for the bridge parallel to the existing one. Mr. Gunvantra Desai also supported this view and asked the municipality to go even for a loan to meet this obligation to the public. He thought that that was the main contract which the municipality agreed to abide by.

MR. GOMES' VIEW

Mr. Gomes, the Vice President of the municipality, told me that he was neither from East or West, a Gujarati or Maharashtrian and his interest in the question was purely civic and in no way sectarian. He considered that the resolution that the municipality passed in 1934 agreeing for the bridge parallel to the existing one was the main contract. He thought that the talk of two bridges was financially fatal to the stability of the municipality and that consideration alone has prompted some of the tax payer for one bridge in the centre. Even Mr. Gunvantra Desai in his article on the tangle does admit that the central bridge would be convenient to 80 per cent of the residents whereas the Anarsi Bridge was useful to only 40 per cent. On that strength also it is advisable to abide by the previous decision. Regarding the private market, Mr. Gomes said that revenue from the market was the legitimate due of the municipality which should not be allowed to private persons. "Even Mr. Garrett, I understand, was of the opinion that the private market is not a justifiable move and will deplete the municipality of its legitimate revenues".

THREE MILLS IN HOWRAH REOPEN

While the situation in the Hooghly District remains practically the same except for the departure of a considerable number of operatives, mostly women, for their villages, three mills in the Howrah District resumed work on Monday. One of them, however, namely the National Jute Mills, closed after the midday recess to-day the majority of workers not reporting for duty.—A.P.

City's Hydraulic Engineer

The Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation on Wednesday approved of the recommendation of the Municipal Commissioner to appoint Mr. E. A. Nadirshaw Deputy City Engineer, as Acting Hydraulic Engineer, in place of Mr. W. A. Niven who has gone on leave to retirement. Mr. Niven will be granted leave till 19th April, 1938, when he will retire from Municipal service.

BOMBAY, May 5. The District Traffic Superintendent, E. B. Rly. wires as follows under date May 4: Through communication was restored at 17 hours. 205 up of date will be the first train to pass over the site.—A.P.

THE THREE MUSKETEERS



OUR HERO'S STEED.

There is no denying that wherever d'Artagnan went, his appearance aroused a good deal of amusement. The sight of his yellow nag excited the smiles of the passers-by but as a sword of respectable length hung rattling from the saddle, and as over this sword gleamed a pair of rather

ferocious eyes, people repressed their merriment. D'Artagnan was perfectly aware that however good a horseman he might be, mounted on this particular horse he could not help cutting a somewhat ridiculous figure, but he sat erect in a majestic manner and was apparently quite undaunted until he arrived at the city of Meung.



THE FIRST TAVERN.

On having dismounted outside the door of the tavern, our hero immediately caught sight of a handsome and stately gentleman engaged in conversation with two other men, who seemed to be listening to him with great deference. Suddenly they burst

into uproarious laughter, and d'Artagnan was quick to realize that he, or rather his horse, was the source of their amusement. Now merely a hint of a smile was sufficient to bring him into a hot temper, so it will be readily understood that he was by no means disposed to be the butt of their mockery.

'Change Authorities' Reply To Govt.

Morison Committee Recommendations 'Unwarranted'

Govt.'s Action Directing Them To Accept Report 'In Toto' Highly Provocative, Says Brokers' Association Secretary

The Secretary of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association, Bombay, has forwarded the following communication to the Financial Secretary to the Government of Bombay regarding the recommendations of the Bombay Stock Exchange Enquiry Committee:

My Committee have given their careful consideration to your letter of the 15th March 1937 and I am directed to convey their views as under:—

The recommendations of the Committee can be conveniently divided into two groups. (1) Those which require legislative sanction and (2) those which do not require such sanction.

Unless Government take the initiative and introduce legislation in connection with recommendations in group (1), the Association cannot proceed further in the matter of the recommendations in Group (2), as it will be noticed that according to the Committee their recommendations are interdependent and the non-acceptance by the legislature of the recommendation in Group (1) may consequently render ineffective those in Group (2).

My Committee would put in Group (1) the following:

- (1) Abolition of Blank Transfers—recommendation N. 8.
- (2) System of Mergins—recommendation No. 5.
- (3) Section VIII of the Report—recommendation No. 17.

Abolition of Blank Transfer

The question of abolition of blank transfers has ancient history behind it which need not be recounted here. It came into existence with the appointment of the Atlay Committee and was agitated for some time. Then came a period of lull from which it was disturbed when the Bill No. X of 1931 (further to amend the Indian Stamp Act 1899) was proposed to be introduced in

1931. But Government seeing the futility of their attempt wisely withdrew the portion dealing with abolition of blank transfers.

My Committee have on many occasions than one unequivocally expressed their views on the subject and would once more reiterate that it is for Government to introduce legislation making blank transfers bad delivery. But my Committee may be permitted to point out that the legislation in order to be effective should be an all India Legislation and that the stamp duty on transfer of shares in connection with blank business and shares pledged should be recommended by the Committee be reduced to one anna for every Rs. 100 or part thereof the value of the shares subject to a maximum of five rupees.

The Enquiry Committee has thrown no fresh light on this vexed question and a mere recommendation for abolition of blank transfer without giving serious thought to its implications does not carry the matter any further. My Committee need not impress upon Government that half measures would not serve any real purpose.

Incapable Of Solution

This question appears to my Committee to be incapable of solution unless suitable legislation is enacted by the Government of India. My Committee place themselves entirely in the hands of the Legislature as they believe that they are unable to take any initiative in the matter which is not peculiar to this Stock Exchange but applies to Stock Exchanges all over India.

My Committee have placed before the Morison Committee a statement of their views on this question, a copy whereof is enclosed herewith. My Committee believe that to make such a system effective legislation would be

necessary on the lines suggested in the statement. In the opinion of my Committee even the most stringent legislation is likely to be evaded. However my Committee are agreeable to adopt a rule for margin requirements similar to the one on the East India Cotton Association.

Amendment Of The Act
With reference to the suggestions made in para 72 of the Report of the Enquiry Committee, my Committee have to invite your attention to page 68 of our Representation. In the Bill introducing the Bombay Securities Contracts Control Act, rule-making powers were sought to be taken by Government but the Select Committee deleted the relevant clause from the Bill as it thought it inadvisable for Government to possess such powers.

The Enquiry Committee now recommended Government to take this power which the Government unsuccessfully endeavoured to take a decade back. These facts show that the non-existence of this power is not a defect in the Act as erroneously assumed by the Enquiry Committee.

My Committee would offer their utmost assistance and opposition on this question as well as the question of taking powers to appoint special Directors with overriding powers and would state in the plainest terms that under no circumstances would they brook the humiliation to which the Association is sought to be subjected.

No Case Made Out

In the opinion of my Committee Government are seized of the most drastic powers which they can utilise at will, viz., withdrawal of recognition and no further powers are needed. There is no reason to look upon the Association with suspicion and distrust.

Besides no case has been made out against the Association warranting the assumption of any further powers of the kind mentioned and my Committee consider any action in this direction highly provocative and unwarranted and likely to mar the spirit of co-operation and good will that has so far existed between Government and the Association and which is indispensable for the smooth working of the stock exchange.

It is gratifying to note that the Enquiry Committee agree with the views of my Association that the definition of "Ready Delivery Contract" in the Bombay Securities Contracts Control Act is defective. The definition suggested by the Enquiry Committee would not remedy the defect as pointed out by my Committee. The Act requires to be amended as suggested in our representation at page 16.

OUR LONDON LETTER

(Continued from page 6).

State, and Christianity, either expressed through an organised Catholic Church as in Austria or by kindly and charitable living as in England." And then the document just goes pro-German arguing in favour of colonial concessions and saying: "It may be too late to prevent Germany striking in Eastern Europe, but we must not let fears of a dominant Germany convert a limited into a general war."

The truth is that if we had not known where the document came from we should have thought it to be a typically clumsy piece of Nazi propaganda. That it should be issued for private circulation in the British Navy is an eye-opener.

Chamberlain's Climb-down

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's climb-down in the House of Commons yesterday, in response to the Big Business who were affected by the new tax in regard to the methods of assessing the sum to be paid under the National Defence contribution. According to the original plan, a firm or trader was taxed either on the amount by which his profits exceeded those of 1933-34-35, or the amount by which they exceeded six per cent on his capital. Both of these standards are now apparently to be changed. Instead of the years 1933-34-35 a different series of years is evidently to be taken. Taxpayers will thus be able to choose the years most favourable to them and most likely to reduce their liability to the tax. The six per cent maximum is also, it now seems, to be altered presumably raised. This again will reduce the tax payable.

Britain's 4000 coal royalty owners—they take £4,400,000 out of the industry every year—received the shock of their lives on Monday in the House of Commons when Mr. Baldwin announced that the Government was going to pay them £66,350,000 as compensation for taking over their royalties. Less than a year ago the royalty owners demanded £150,000,000. This was considered at that time to be fantastic, but as the Samuel Commission assessed the proper compensation at £100,000,000 the royalty owners were known to be hoping for at least that

"Nothing Objectionable In Ox-Roasting"

Private Secretary To Madras Governor Explains British "Merry-Making"

OOTACAMUND, May 4.
Replying to a communication from Mr. Gumma Satyanarayana of Chitacole, addressed to the Prime Minister, London, through His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of "Ox-roasting" on the occasion of the coronation of Their Majesties the King-Emperor and the Queen Empress, Mr. D. H. Elwin, I.C.S., Private Secretary to His Excellency has written as follows:—

"His Excellency desires me to say that you appear to be under a grave misapprehension as to what is meant by 'Ox-roasting'. Your use of the term 'rue' and 'revolting' suggests that you are under the impression that oxen are roasted alive on this occasion. This is entirely incorrect."

All that has been done on similar occasions in the past is that the dead carcasses of oxen required for purposes of eating and feasting have been roasted whole, instead of being cut into pieces before being roasted.

The so-called 'ceremonial' is, of course, no part of the official Coronation ceremonies, but is merely a part of the feasting and merry-making, which goes on amongst the country-folk.

"As the oxen are slaughtered in the ordinary manner before the roasting takes place, His Excellency is sure, you will agree that there is nothing objectionable about it, and hopes you will explain this to

your fellow citizens."—United Press.

INDIA PROTESTS

(From A Correspondent.)

That a general feeling of resentment prevails in almost all parts of India against the contemplated custom of Ox-roasting in some places in Great Britain on the auspicious occasion of Their Majesties' Coronation can be seen by a number of resolutions unanimously adopted at public meetings held at the following places:—

Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Karachi, Rangoon, Ahmedabad, Darbhanga, Cambay, Vizianagram, Sholapur, Poona, Hyderabad (Sind), Belgaum, Chandod, Dhinod, Halvad, Multan City, Sitamarhi, Samloti, Dhrangadhra, Amraoti, Annapalli, Kalyan, Ichhapuram etc.

These resolutions have been forwarded to the Prime Minister with a request to secure cancellation of the inhumane practice.

A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay was held on April 23 under the presidency of Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, which adopted a resolution protesting against the custom and appealing for its cancellation.

Humanitarians and civilized men in England are not less loud in their protest against this custom.

sum. In this hope they refused to accept £75,000,000 from the Government during recent negotiations with Mr. Neville Chamberlain. Failure to reach agreement resulted in the Government appointing, last month a commission consisting of Lord Justice Greene, Mr. Justice Clausen and Lord Plender to settle the point. The royalty owners, expecting something like the Samuel Commission figure, agreed in advance to accept the award, while the Government reserved the right to reject the Commission's findings. Mr. Baldwin in his statement in the House, announced that the Government accepted the award and would introduce legislation as soon as possible.

The award was based on the agreed figure of £4,430,000 representing the average yearly sum paid to the royalty-owners over the seven years, 1928 to 1934. This represents approximately 6d. on every ton of coal mined. The Commission decided that the royalty owners would be fairly treated if they were given 15 years' income by way of compensation. When the Cabinet introduces its Bill it will be attacked by vested interests for using the big stick to compel the owners to come to terms. From the Conservative benches there will be talk of "spoliation" and "robbery". How the money will be raised has yet to be settled. The main alternatives are:

1. Flotation of a loan based on the security of the royalties.
 2. Issue of State bonds, bearing interest, to the royalty owners redeemable as the receipts from royalties accumulate.
- In the first case, the owners would be paid at once, in the second, over a period of years. Another suggestion is that the Government might finance the whole repayment out of State funds in order to relieve the industry of an intolerable burden. But it is very much doubtful whether the Chancellor will go as far as that.

Without Comment

On the way to Downing-street yesterday I saw a hat shop all beautifully decorated for the Coronation. Written up in large letters were the words: "Loyal Greetings to Their Majesties." Underneath them was written the shop's business slogan: "We talk Through Our Hats."

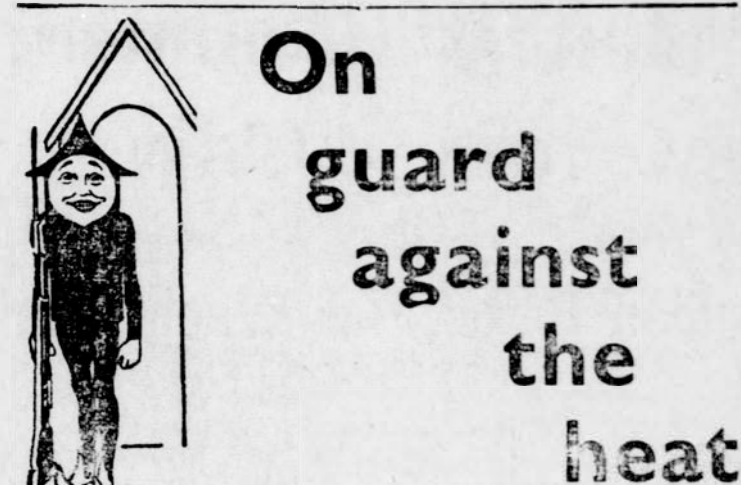
NEIGHBOUR STATES AT LOGGERHEADS

Position Of Parties In Temple Dispute

(From Our Correspondent.)

ERNAKULAM. (By Mail.)
The Maharaja of Cochin is the final authority in deciding questions purely religious affecting the day-to-day administration of Cochin temples and not the Resident or any body was the view expressed by Prof. K. Rama Pisharotti, ex-Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Annamalai University and an authority in these matters.

AN ANCIENT DOCUMENT.
Facts supporting the above statement are contained in a document known as 'Manika-Kshethra-Granthavali' which is now in pos-



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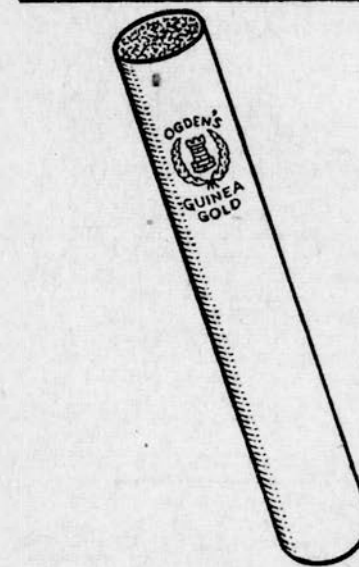
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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON 9 POINTS UP

Bullion Better But Wheat And Base Metals Weak

On Wednesday cross rates ruled quiet. NEW YORK COTTON STEADY. New York cotton was firm at the opening time but prices reacted later. The undertone was steady. BULLION HIGHER. London gold and silver prices ruled slightly higher. WHEAT WEAK. Wheat ruled weak at Chicago. Base metals were easy but rubber was firm. SECURITIES LESS ACTIVE. The London Stock Exchange displayed firm tendency but later became somewhat feeble. Glitged securities were less active.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

OCTOBER '37.

Previous closing	New York, May 5
To-day's opening	12.33
Difference	plus 10
To-day's closing	12.92
Difference	plus 09

LIVERPOOL COTTON

OCTOBER '37.

Previous closing	Liverpool, May 5
To-day's opening	7.14
Difference	plus 02
To-day's closing	7.20
Difference	plus 06

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May Rs. 230
July August Rs. 236

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, May 5
Cotton developed considerable activity on optimistic financial news from abroad coupled with scarcity of contracts and inspiring Liverpool advices. Trading opened in October option at 12.93 i.e. 10 points higher. Later however there was a tendency to decline owing to operators awaiting the policy but unfavourable weather reports inspired better feeling and prices hovered around the opening level. New York cotton finally closed at 12.92 with a rise of 9 points for October delivery.

NEW YORK COTTON

The following were the opening ranges:—
July (12.03/12.02) 12.19/13.17
October (12.82/12.81)
December (12.80/12.79)

LIVERPOOL COTTON

The following were the rates at 2.15 p.m.:—
American October 7.21
American December 7.25
Egyptian March (10.63) 10.67
Egyptian May (10.78) 10.82

BROACH COTTON

Bombay, May 5
Broach cotton for July August moved between Rs. 235-12 and Rs. 238-12 at night. The rate at 9.30 p.m. closed at Rs. 236 Broach April May was Rs. 6 lower.

LONDON MARKETS

The rates at 3.30 p.m. were as follows:—
Indian Pekoe (1-2 1/4) 1-2 1/4
Indian Pekoe higher (1-4 3/4) 1-4 3/4
Ceylon Pekoe (1-2 3/4) 1-2 3/4
Ceylon Pekoe higher (2-3 1/2) 2-2 1/2

WHEAT

New Crop May June (£21 3/4 paid and value) £21 9/16 paid and buyer
Dunlop May (£25 1/4 sellers) £25 1/4 sellers
Lightning May (£23 1/4) £23 1/4 sellers.

RUBBER

Forward July September (10 7/16 paid and value) 10 5/8 buyers

LINSEED

Castorseed Bombay May June (£14 3/8 sellers) £14 1/4 sellers
Linseed Calcutta May June (£14 9/16 sellers) £14 11/16 sellers
Linseed La Plata May June (£13 1/8 sellers) £13 1/4 sellers
Groundnuts Coromandal May June (£14 5/16 sellers) £14 5/8 sellers

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, May 5
Liverpool wheat opened steady with July at 111 3/4 and October 112 1/2. The market ruled fairly active due to unfavourable European weather news. Reports that Germany and Spain would be obliged to purchase more wheat brought out scattered trade buying but sellers were reserved.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, May 5
Chicago wheat market opened steady with July at 1.18 3/8. The market later witnessed precipitous fall on unfavourable foreign advices which raised liquidation and hedge selling, touching 1.16 3/8.

3 1/2 P. C. GOVT. PAPER

Closing Quotation

Bombay, May 5
The 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper was quoted at Rs. 94.5 at 2 p.m. The closing quotations at 5 p.m. was Rs. 94.8.
Fluctuations were as follows:—
Opening Rs. 94.5
Highest 94.12 0
Lowest 94.5 0
Closing 94.8 0

INDIAN STERLING LOAN

LONDON, May 5
The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £90 as against the previous closing at £89 3/4.

INDIAN LOANS

LONDON, May 5
3 per cent Indian Loan (£37 1/2) £97 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Loan (£90) £90
4 1/2 per cent Indian Loan (1950-55) (£108 1/2) £108 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£112 1/2) £112 1/2
4 per cent Indian 1948-53 (£106 1/2) £106 1/2
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£112 1/2) £112 1/2
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1954-59 (£102 1/2) £102 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

LONDON, May 5
3 per cent Australian Loan 1945-70 (£108 7/8) £108 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£77) £76 7/8
£102 3/8) £102 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£107 5/8) £107 5/8
5 per cent Funding Loan (£110 7/8) £110 3/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£102 1/8) £102 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£109 7/8) £109 3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 5
After being firm on renewed buying general business was less active. Internationals were quiet with only small business. Kaffirs were rather undecided. Home industrials were steady to firm.

INDUSTRIALS

British Celanese Second Preference (15-9) 16-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (81-10 1/2) 81-3
Hydro Electric (£8 3/4) £8 7/8
Musical Industries (21-0) 21-4
Prinching Johnson (45-6) 45-3
Imperial Chemical (37-3) 37-7 1/2
Woolworth Ordinary (78-5) 80-0
Realisation 1930 (£94) £94
Dunlop Rubber (34-0) 34-6
Unilever Ordinary (40-3) 41-0
Ford Motors (27-5) 28-1
Cables and Wireless (£6 1/4) £6 1/4
British American Tobacco (126-10 1/2) 127-6
Carreiras A (£8 1/4) £8 1/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (153-9) 155-0
P and O S N Company Deferred (32-0) 33-1 1/2
Distillers (114-0) 115-6
Bradford Dyer (£8 3/4) £9 3/4
British Celanese (£8 5/8) £9
J and P Coates Ordinary (49-6) 49-6
Courtauld's Ordinary (52-9) 53-6
Fine Cotton Spinners (11-6) 11-6
Vickers Limited Ordinary (38-9) 31-0
Inter Nickels (62 ex div) 62-1 1/2
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (72-6) 78-9
Tata Iron and Steel (£105) £105

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (18-9) 19-9
Donora Tea (50-0) 49-4 1/2
Empire of India (30-0) 31-3

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (41-0) 41-9
Gula Kelampung (42-6) 45-0
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (39-3) 39-9
Barnagore (£10 3/4) £10 3/4

MINING SHARES

Nandayrup (52-6) 54-4 1/2
Crown Mines (£11 1/8) £13 5/8
Gedule Now (£7 7/8) £9
New Modders (£29 3/8) £30
Sui Nigeli (£10 3/8) £10 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (35-0) 35-0
Union Corporation (£28 3/8) £28 1/2

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (£51 1/4) £53 3/4
Anglo Iranian (111-10 1/2) 120-0
Burma Oil (110-7 1/2) 114-4 1/2
Mexican Eagle (19-9) 19-9
Shell Transport (111-10 1/2) 113-4 1/2
Royal Dutch (£45 3/4) £46 1/4

HUME RAIL SHARES

Great Western (£59 1/2) £60
L and S Ordinary (£30 1/8) £30
L N E R Defd (£5) £5
Southern Paris 5 per cent (£23 1/8) £23

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, May 5
Opening rates were as follows:—
General Motors (dol 59 1/8) dol 59 7/8
N Copper Mining (dol 51 3/4) dol 53 1/8
U S Steel Common (dol 102 1/2) dol 104 1/2
U S Steel Preference (dol 137) unquoted.

WOOL SALES

LONDON, May 5
Moderate selection in mainly New Zealand crossbreds was well cleared at full rate to home trade.
Greasy lower 6-11 1/2
Scoured lower 2-6
Scoured higher 1-8

FIRM UNDERTONE IN STOCK EXCHANGE

Indian Iron And Steel Shares Advance

(SPECIAL CABLE) LONDON, May 5

On the Stock Exchange the undertone remains firm throughout but interest is now mainly centred on more speculative groups. Kaffirs, oils and rubbers recording numerous substantial gains. Industrials also contained numerous features. Indian Iron rising from 72 1/2 to 78 9/8.
In commodities rubber and wheat both advanced.
Wall Street opened firm.

KARACHI MARKET REPORT

Karachi, May 5

To-day's closing quotations:—
Cotton May 24 1 0
July 24 0 9
January 22 4 0
Punjab May 20 2 6
July 20 2 6
Des. American May 23 3 6
July 25 5 6
January 25 4 3
Tone: Strong.
Railway: 31 12 3
July 32 2 0
September 32 2 0
Tone: Strong.
Gram July 23 0 0
Toria May 48 1 1
July 48 1 1
September 44 4 3
Cottonseed May 17 14 0
July 18 4 0
September 18 11 0

JUTE SHARES STEADY

Coals Easier

CALCUTTA, May 5

Jutes ruled steady at decline and not much business resulted. In coals the rates remained generally easier. Teas were dull and inactive. In miscellaneous speculative stocks continued to be in fair request while others displayed not much activity. Government securities were steadier. The following were the closing quotations:—
Government securities: Three per cent loan 1941 103/3; three per cent Government paper 2/4 small lot; three and half per cent G P 34/8; five per cent loan 1939/44 105/5 small lot; three per cent U B Bonds 136/16 96/14.
Banks: Imperial fully paid 153/3; do conty 325; Reserve Bank 125/12
Coltons: Mayurthani 67
Cotton: Elgin 115
Galls: Aldih 3/13; Bengal 323; Ghusick and Muslia 3/4; New Beerhoom 15/6; West Jamuria 14/6; Amalgamated 25/10 small lot; Barukar 17; Equitab 3/12; Talcher 2/7.
Jutes: Albion 233; Goupre 600 small lot; Howrah 54/6; Kamarahy 528; National 22/12; Bally 178 ex div; Kanknarrah 421/8 small lot; Reliance 312; Talcher 2/7.

INDUSTRIALS

Consolidated Tin 7; Indian Copper 3/8 cum div; Rhodesia Copper 3/4; Bengal Imperial 37-3; 37-7 1/2
Muzaffarpur Electric 13/12 cum div; Shahjahanpur Electric 9/8; U P Electric 207 small lot; Hukumchand electric 10/8; Indian Iron and Steel 47 1/2; Thornycroft and Co 15; British India Corporation ordinary 4; Dunlop Rubber pref 102 1/2; Indian Wood Products 26; Rohtas Industries 21; British Burma Petroleum 6/4; Humayun Property pref 102 1/2; Calcutta Landing and Shipping 20.
Debenture: Three and quarter per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 100/12 small lot-A, P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

Ahmedabad, May 5
Following are closing quotations of the Ahmedabad share bazar of May 5:
Aryodava Spinning 216-4
Calico 525
Gujarat Cotton 30-10
Jubli 30-10
Gujarat Cotton 30-10
Jubli 30-10
Marsdan 70-10
Motilal Hirabhai 54-6
Menogram 50-10

TATA IRON AND STEEL COMPANY

April Production Figures

Messrs. Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., report that the total approximate production of Iron and Steel at the Steel Works at Jamshedpur during the month of April, 1937 was:—
Tons
Pig Iron 74,100
Steel Ingots 73,300
Finished Steel 54,800

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGENCIES

Figures Of Earnings

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Ltd., Agents for the following three Hydro-Electric Companies report that the gross earnings of the said Companies for the month of April 1937 and for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1937, subject to adjustment were as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year:—
For the month of April 1937
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd. 3,09,333
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd. 4,30,950
Tata Power Co. Ltd. 6,16,067
For the month of April 1937
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd. 2,78,119
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd. 3,90,149
Tata Power Co. Ltd. 7,47,613
For fiscal year upto April 30, 1937
Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd. 26,96,084
Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd. 42,03,091

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 30th April 1937

LIABILITIES

Capital paid up 5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund 5,00,00,000
Deposits:—
(a) Government x 12,18,65,000
(b) Banks 27,54,85,000
(c) Others 63,19,000
Bills Payable 9,04,000
Other Liabilities 23,13,000
Rupees 50,68,86,000
x Includes £73,200 held in London in account of the High Commissioner converted at Rs. 6d. to the rupee.

ASSETS

(a) Legal Tender in India 15,10,61,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma 4,34,000
Rupee Coin 6,46,000
Subsidiary Coin 2,54,000
(a) Internal 2,62,000
(b) External Nil
(c) Government of India Treasury Bills Nil
Balances held abroad* 27,26,64,000
Loans and Advances to the Government Nil
Other Loans and Advances 1,90,000
Investments 7,66,52,000
Other Assets 50,68,86,000
Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department 15,14,95,000

Notes in circulation:—

(a) Legal Tender in India 191,14,06,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma 1,52,29,000
Total 202,66,35,000

Assets

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—
(a) Held in India 41,54,59,000
(b) Held outside India 2,68,98,000
Sterling Securities 80,30,70,000
Total A 1,24,72,26,000
B. Rupee Coin
Government of India Treasury Bills 27,37,20,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other Commercial paper Nil
Total Assets 207,81,33,000
Ratio of Total A to Liabilities: 80.017 per cent.

SHIPPING IN FAR AND MIDDLE EAST

Indian Chambers' Federation Urges Claims Of National Interests

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, May 5.

In a communication to the Secretary of the Government of India Commerce Department, the Secretary of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry says:—
The Committee of the Federation are in general agreement with the views expressed in the memorandum submitted by the Indian National Steamship Owners' Association to the Chairman of the Imperial Shipping Committee into the position of British shipping in middle and Far-Eastern waters and desire to lend their support to the Association's demand that in any scheme for encouragement of Expiry shipping in trades, which depends on India's markets adequate provision should definitely be made for substantial participation in that trade by Indian National shipping.

High And Low Cotton Prices

Bombay, May 4.

Broach A/M. 1937 Op. 227 3/4; Highest 228; Lowest 226 1/4; Closing 227 1/2.
Broach July/Aug. Op. 233 1/4; Highest 234; Lowest 232 1/4; Closing 233 1/4.
Broach A/M. 1938 Op. 240 3/4; Highest 241; Lowest 238 3/4; Closing 241.
Omra May Op. 215 1/4; Highest 215 3/4; Lowest 214; Closing 215 3/4.
Omra July Op. 218; Highest 218 1/2; Lowest 217; Closing 218 1/2.
Omra D/O Op. 219; Highest 220; Lowest 218; Closing 220.
Bengal May Op. 186; Highest 186 1/2; Lowest 184; Closing 187 1/4.
Bengal July Op. 188 1/2; Highest 188 1/2; Lowest 187; Closing 187 1/4.
Bengal D/O Op. 181; Highest 181; Lowest 180; Closing 181.
T/Mandi for Broach July/August (21-5-37) Rs. 6 1/4.
T/Mandi for Broach July/August (30-6-37) Rs. 13 1/4.
T/Mandi for Broach April/May (31-3-38) Rs. 32 1/2.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS

Bombay, May 5

The Houston Line ss Hesione of 2939 reg tons Captain P G Zuchy arrived from Fowey via Glasgow, Liverpool, Port Said, Aden, with general cargo. Ellerman Bucknall ss Kabinga of 2925 reg tons, Captain E E Bulkeley arrived from Antwerp via Dunkirk, Middlesbrough, Hull, Port Said, Port Sudan with general cargo.
Leif Honech ss Hozeh Merchant of 2321 reg tons, Captain Leif Maccussen arrived from Laurence, Marques with general cargo.

DEPARTURES

M M ss Kidderpore of 3263 reg tons Captain J Spackes sailed for Karachi with local cargo and same bottom cargo. N Y Kaisha ss Yosida Maru of 3368 reg tons Captain K Ezuchi sailed for Kobe via Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai.

LOADING

The following steamers entered for loading:—
S S Chitral (M M) for Colombo, Australian ports.
S S Bamora (M M) for Karachi, Persian Ports.
S S Hoegh Merchant (Volkart Bros) Penang, Singapore, Batavia, Manila, via Alleppy, Colombo.

Vessels In Docks

Bombay, May 5

ALEXANDRA DOCK
2 Kabinga 2925 Karachi 11-5 J Finlay
5 Silveray 2626 Port Sudan 6-5 Volkart Bros.
6 Truenfels 5196 Karachi 6-5 L Edwards
9 Kybfels 4784 Karachi 8-5 L Edwards
10 Kidderpore 3263 Karachi 5-5 M M
14 Yosida Maru 3368 Japan 5-5 N Y K
15 President, Harrison 6262 New York 5-5 F Campbell
VICTORIA DOCK
4 Varela 1926 Basra 6-5 M M
7 Gambada 2322 Rangoon 8-5 M M
15 Janaki 530 Karachi 6-5 M M
PRINCES DOCK
G Oostcappelle 348 M Coast 5-5 Merchant S N
M Alipore 3241 N. N. F. M. (P & O)
P/Q Netravati 690 M Coast 6-5 B S N

STEAMERS EXPECTED FROM LONDON

Takada 11-5-37 M M
Nalora 13-5-37 M M
Chitral 8-5-37 P and O
Carthage 27-5-37 P and O
Viceroy of India 13-5 P and O
Maloja 20-5 P and O
Lahore 15-5-37 M M
FROM LIVERPOOL
Hesione 5-5-37 J Finlay
Clan Mephee 16-5-37 James Finlay
City of Melbourne 7-5-37 K Nixon
Tarentia 8-5-37 Grahams Trading Co
City of Benares 15-5-37 Killick Nixon
Britannia 10-5-37 Graham's Trdg.

FROM HULL

Kabinga 2-5-37 J Finlay
FROM HAMBURG
Trenfels 30-4 Edwards
Lindenfels 11-5-37 L Edwards
FROM NEW YORK
City of Auckland 3-5-37 F F Campbell
Steel Ranger 30-5-37 M M
Pres Harrison 1-5-37 F F Campbell
FROM DUBAI
Faira 15-5-37 M M
FROM CHINA AND JAPAN
Burwan 5-5-37 P and O
Tokushima Maru 18-5-37 N Y K
Tango Maru 30-4 N Y K
Mayebashi Maru 16-5-37 N Y K
Mantai Maru 10-5-37 N Y K
Conte Biancamano 28-4-37 L Triestino

FROM SYDNEY

Strathaird 8-5-37 P and O
FROM TRIESTE
Victoria 18-5-37 L Triestino
FROM BASRA
Baroda 13-5-37 M M
Varsova 15-5-37 M M
Bnkura 6-5-37 M M
Vasna 8-5-37 M M
FROM BASSEIN
Jalajoti 3-5-37 Scindia S N
Jalamohan 8-5-37 Scindia S N
Jalaveera 8-5-37 Scindia S N
FROM KARACHI
Yoshida Maru 15-37 N Y K
Tango Maru 10-5-37 N Y K
Vita 6-5 M M
Dalgoma 5-5-37 M M
FROM RANGOON
Hatimura 15-5-37 M M
FROM CALCUTTA
Chorinda 15-5-37 M M

SAILING DATES

FOR LONDON
Viceroy of India 15-5-37 P and O
Burwan 11-5-37 M M
Dalgoma 12-5-37 M M
Dalgoma-Hind 15-37 P and O
Strathaird 8-5-37 P and O
Narkunda 22-5-37 P and O
FOR LIVERPOOL
Britannia 24-5 Grahams Trading
City of Hongkong 10-5-37 Killick
FOR SYDNEY
Chitral 15-5-37 P and O
FOR NEW YORK
Pres Pierce 20-5-37 Campbell F F
Pres Polk 14-5-37 F F Campbell
FOR CHINA AND JAPAN
Fukuyo Maru 13-5-37 O S K
Celebes Maru 23-5-37 O S K
Yoshida Maru 1-5-37 N Y K
Tango Maru 15-5-37 N Y K
FOR JEDAH
Jehangir 3-5-37 T Morrison
FOR BASRA
Varela 6-5-37 M M
Barala 5-5-37 M M
Bamora 12-5-37 M M
FOR DUBAI
Takliwa 28-4-37 M M
Kenya 12-5-37 M M
FOR KARACHI
Vita 5-5-37 M M
Truenfels 2-5-37 L Edwards
Kybfels 15-5-37 L Edwards

GENERAL LANDING DATES

S S Tango Maru 30-4-37
S S Tukuyo Maru 1-5-37
S S Rajput 1-5-37
S S Netravati 1-5-37
S S Corfu (boats) 1-5-37
S S Kalavati 1-5-37
S S Howra 1-5-37
S S Barala 1-5-37
S S Varela 3-5-37
S S Steel Ranger 1-5-37
S S Chantala (boats) 3-5-37
S S Gambada 3-5-37
S S Parvati 3-5-37
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Calcutta Leaders Appeal For Funds Need For Proper Conduct Of Defence In 'Communist Conspiracy' Case

Prominent leaders of Bengal have issued the following appeal in connection with the Calcutta Communist Conspiracy Case Defence Fund:—

The public are aware that twelve young men, some of them still in their teens, are now on trial before the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, on a charge of carrying on an alleged Communist conspiracy against the State.

Four of the twelve, and a fifth young man, are soon going to be placed on trial at Alipore on yet another charge. All the accused are in straitened circumstances and cannot afford to pay for and make proper arrangements for their own defence.

The opening remarks of the Public Prosecutor have made it clear that the accused persons are on trial for their alleged political opinions, not for any personal delinquency or criminality.

One ought to assume, as the law presumes that they are innocent till their guilt is proved. It is essential, therefore, for our countrymen to realise that they have some responsibility in the matter: they must see to it that the accused are not deprived of legitimate defence, that they are not penalised for no other fault than their poverty.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC.
In these circumstances, a committee has been formed under the name of "Calcutta Communist Conspiracy Case Defence Committee," absolutely unconnected with any political organisation, which will collect funds to arrange for the proper conduct of the defence. The trial promises to last for a long time and the expenses will be proportionately heavy. It is hoped that the public will contribute ge-

nerously to this fund. Its only object, let us emphasise, is to organise the defence of the twelve young men, who are on trial for their alleged political opinions and who are desperately in need of help from their fellow-countrymen.

Contributions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, Mr. Harendra Nath Mukherjee, 14, Indian Mirror Street, Calcutta.

The following are the signatories to the appeal:—

Messrs. Sarat Chandra Bose, M. L. A., President; Suresh Ranjan Chatterjee, Secretary; Subhas Chandra Bose, Devendra Nath Sen, Sibnath Banerjee, M. L. A., A. M. A. Zaman, M. L. A., Kamal Krishna Roy, M. L. A., Bankim Mukherjee, M. L. A., Sudhindra Pramanick, Gunada Mazumdar, Hafiz Zalluddin, Jnan Ranjan Ghosh, Kalpada Mukherjee, Bhupendra Nath Dutt, Rati Kanta Sarkar, Asimuddin Ahmed, M. L. A., Sayed Ahmed Khan M. L. A., Md. Fazlullah, M. L. A. and Mr. R. Ahmed, D. D. S.

CONGRESS DETERMINED TO WRECK CON- STITUTION

B. G. Kher At Bhusawal

BHUSAVAL, May 4.
Mr. B. G. Kher, Leader of the Congress Party in the Bombay Legislative Assembly, was accorded a rousing reception on behalf of the Taluka Congress Committee, G. I. P. Rly. Workers' Union and Merchants' Association, this evening at a mass meeting held here, Mr. Gogate, Pleader, presiding. The meeting was attended by prominent citizens.

Mr. Kher addressing the meeting stated that Congress was determined to wreck the new Constitution imposed upon the country against the will of the people. He explained to the audience the definite stand the Congress had adopted in the present constitutional crisis, and condemned the present puppet ministries in various provinces formed without mass support.

Addressing next Mr. V. V. Phatak, a local labour worker, explained the plight of Jute workers in Calcutta and their heroic stand. He appealed to them to support their cause by contributing their mite for the strikers' relief.—United Press.

STATE THROWS OPEN TEMPLE FOR HARIJANS

REWA, May 5.

Following the example of His Highness the Maharaja of Rewa in giving a lead to remove the curse of untouchability from his State, another prominent Chief of his State, the Thakore Sahab of Sohanpur has also thrown open the gates of the temple of Radha Krishna, situated within the premises of his palace, for admission and free use of the Harijans.

The order of the Chief was translated into action last week, when all the Harijans of the place were taken in a procession along with Caste Hindus, where after performing "bhajans" were treated with "prasad".—United Press.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT TRIMBAK One Dead, Three Injured

TRIMBAK, May 5.

A disastrous fire broke out here last night gutting several houses including cloth and grocers' shops and causing one lakh of rupees damage and injuries to several persons, one proving fatal. Help by Nasik Municipal authorities saved Trimbak from total destruction.

Immediately an S. O. S. was sent to the Nasik Municipality 18 miles from here asking for help. Mr. B. Chandawarkar, Chairman, Nasik Water Works, arrived with fire fighting machine and street watering lorries and within a couple of hours succeeded in bringing the fire under control.

Four members of a Bania family from whose house the fire originated received serious injuries while attempting to save valuables from the burning house. One of these died later while the rest are in Nasik Hospital.—A. P.

'SCARCITY' BETTER THAN 'FAMINE'

(From Our Correspondent)

A meeting of the District Famine Committee was held yesterday when Sjt. Laxmidas M. Shreekanth, M. L. A., stressed the urgency of declaring famine for Panchmahals. It is understood that Mr. R. S. Mani, Assistant Collector, resisted the suggestion and opined that the labourers would be benefited more by "scarcity" than by "famine".

The Dohad Municipal Board will meet on the 7th instant to consider a proposal to celebrate the Coronation Day. It appears that the Rate and Tax payers of the Municipality are going to submit a memorial to the municipality not to participate in such imperialistic functions as resolved by the Palpur Congress.

VICEROY REACHES SIMLA.

SIMLA, May 5.
The Viceroy and party arrived in Simla this morning.—A. P.

MAY DAY AT JAMSHEDPUR

Workers' Sympathy With
Jute Strikers

(From A Correspondent)

JAMSHEDPUR, (By Mail).
Under the auspices of the Rashtriya Yuvak Sangha, Jamshedpur celebrated the May Day by holding a mass meeting at the Mohulbera maidan, Mr. N. K. Sane, the President of the League, presiding. Comrade J. N. Mitra, an ex-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress dwelt on the importance of the May Day and the solidarity of the working class throughout the World. Among the resolutions passed was: This meeting sends its greetings to the Jute Mill Workers of Calcutta and Howrah and other workers who struck work in sympathy in their fight for securing the just demands from the unwilling capitalistic combine. It further asks the Government of India to immediately set up a machinery to bring about a settlement by meeting the demands of the workers.

MAY DAY IN MADRAS

MADRAS, (By Mail).

The May Day was celebrated with much enthusiasm by the Perambur Railway Workers at Iyanapuram, a workers' colony near Perambur. The meeting was convened by the M. & S. M. Railway Employees' Union, Perambur Branch and was presided over by Mr. Varadappa Naicker, a Railway worker.

BRANCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At a meeting of the Perambur Branch Executive Committee of the M. & S. M. Railway Employees' Union held on the 30th April 37 it was decided to hold the Branch Annual Conference on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th May, 1937.

ATTEMPT TO CHEAT LONDON INSURANCE CO.

Two Men Arrested At
Karachi

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, May 4.
What is considered to be the first case of its kind is being investigated by Inspector Mohamed-hussan of the Sind C. I. D., who arrested two persons last night. The arrests are believed to have been made in connection with attempting to cheat a London Insurance Company to the extent of several thousands of rupees and preparing forced documents therefor.

THUNDERSTORM HAVOC IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, May 5.

Reports have been received from several districts in Bengal and Assam of severe thunderstorms, accompanied by heavy showers, in certain instances. Almost everywhere considerable damage has been caused to property and crops, while in Birbhum two women, one of whom was lying ill with pneumonia and the other her attendant, are reported to have been killed by the collapse of a mud wall.—A. P.

Prominent Sikh Leader Released

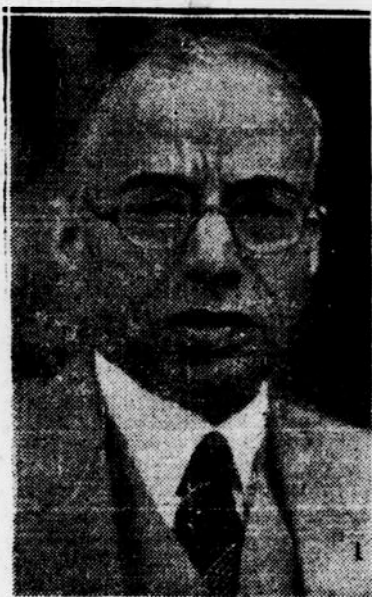
LAHORE, May 5.

Baba Kharaksingh, a prominent Sikh leader, who was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in connection with a speech against the Communal Award, was released from Lahore Central Jail this morning, eight days before the end of his term. The Sikhs are arranging a big dewan this evening to meet Baba Kharaksingh on his release.—A. P.

League Official For Geneva

BOMBAY, May 5.

Mr. M. V. Venkateswaran, head of the League of Nations branch office in India will leave for Geneva about the middle of June. During his stay there, he will follow the working of the League Secretariat and of the coming Assembly of the League beginning on September 6.—A. P.



Lt. Col. D. H. Rai, I.M.S.,
Inspector General of Civil
Hospitals, Punjab, who
has been appointed
Inspector General of
Central Provinces.

PANIPAT HARTAL

Punjab Premier Goes On
Peace Mission To
Storm Centre

LAHORE, May 5.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, the Premier, left last night for Panipat, the scene of a holiday clash between the Hindus and Muslims and firing by the police.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan in an interview said that his visit was a mission of peace and he would do everything possible to persuade the communities to bury the hatchet and particularly appealed to all concerned not to brood over the past but to think for the future with goodwill.

According to a report received here Panipat Muslims will observe hartal on May 7 the fortieth day since the firing.

A procession in mourning dress will also be taken out. Hindu and Muslim deputations will wait upon the Premier who is expected to return to Lahore on May 7 and leave for Simla on May 8.—A. P.

RATNAGIRI MUNICIPALITY TO SUE GOVT.

RATNAGIRI, May 5.

The Ratnagiri Municipality at its special meeting yesterday under the presidency of Rao Bahadur Faruque resolved to file a suit against Government regarding the water supply dispute which has been in existence for several years.

Cholera epidemic is raging in Sangameshwar and Chiplun Talukas despite strong preventive measures taken by authorities.—A. P.

KURUNDWAD SENIOR RYOTS' DEMANDS

KURUNDWAD, May 3.

Amelioration of the plight of the peasants due to scarcity conditions, by grant of liberal remissions, inquiry into the Agriculturalists' indebtedness, launching of some schemes for their debt redemption, establishment of Village Panchayats throughout the state, reduction of the enhanced land cess and immediate announcement of the Durbar Reform scheme on progressive lines.—These were some of the demands urged through non-official resolutions which were adopted unanimously by the eleventh session of the Kurundwad Senior State Ryots' annual "durbar" held here on Sunday.

Regent Rani Sahab and the Minor Chief both of them being away, Mr. G. N. Bhude, the State Karbhari presided over the session.—United Press

The controversy between the Vatican and the German Government over the position of Catholics was carried a stage further when a Papal Note was handed to the German Minister at the Holy See yesterday. The Note was a reply to the recent allegations

ISLAM FOR INDEPENDENCE

Muslim M.L.A. Criticises
Jinnah

MADRAS, May 4.

Mr. A. K. M. Mohideen Marai-cayar, M. L. A. (Madras), (Congress) wires to the "United Press" from Tanjore:—

I am sorry to read Mr. M. A. Jinnah's reply to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru dated the 29th April, as it falls far below the ambitions and ideals of the self-respecting and independence loving Muslims of our country.

The objective of individual Muslims and the Muslim League can be only the complete independence of our country. Our brethren everywhere in the world have already become not only politically independent, but also have made much advance in par with the other European nations. "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's very practical ideal of attaining complete independence is Utopia to Mr. Jinnah. Mr. Jinnah regrets to say that he cannot subscribe to the above ideal. Mr. Jinnah is every day becoming more and more practical."

"I humbly warn my brother Muslims not to jump to catch the favours of office. It is more the duty of us—Muslims—to keep up the ideal of independence in this country: to be independent is our religion."

Wreck Constitution.

"Let Mr. Jinnah work the provincial constitution. We independence-loving Muslims shall wreck the Constitution of 1935. As a Muslim, I do not want any assurance from the majority party for my humble self, my party or for my all-pervading religion. We have had the honour of having been the guardians of peace in India, Central Asia and Southern Europe for more than seven centuries."

"Let Mr. Jinnah want an assurance from his elder brother to protect him. Yes. No useful purpose will be served in continuing this controversy. I finally beg my Muslim brethren to join the Congress in millions and add to its strength for its final fight, which it will have to face in the near future. Whoever fights the most will rule to the last."—United Press.

MURDERED WIFE OUT OF MERCY

Death Sentence Reduced
To Seven Years

LAHORE, May 4.

The death sentence passed on the accused in what is known as the Lahore mercy murder case was reduced to-day by the High Court to seven years imprisonment.

The accused who belonged to a wealthy family in Jhang District killed his wife (whom he married only two years prior to the murder), it is alleged because she was in the last stages of consumption and she had herself implored her husband to kill her with a sword so that she might be relieved of her suffering and her soul might attain salvation.

The accused was given the benefit of exception five to Section 300-P I P C.—A. P.

QUIT ORDER ON CONGRESS VOLUNTEER

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, May 4.
The order to quit Karachi by next available train has been served on Fatehraj, Congress volunteer belonging to Jodhpore State.

The Governor will perform the opening ceremony of Remand Home in Jamshed Quarter, on May 13.

Two supervising rent collectors have been suspended in the village of Kambhar, District Larkana. It is stated that strict scrutiny of their accounts revealed embezzlement of Rs. 6,000.

One of the two inmates injured in the Telephone Exchange explosion has since died bringing the total deaths to three.

The Inspector-General of Police, Sind, performed during the weekend the opening ceremony of a club for police officers at Mirpurkhas, Sind. It is the first institution of its kind in the province.

City Bomb Explosion Mystery

Dentist Lying In Hospital With
Serious Injuries

BOMBAY: Wednesday.
In a small, dark and dingy room of about 5 x 4 feet at 1st Carpenter Street, popularly known as Suttar Gully, a bomb exploded last night at about 10 p.m.

Jitsingh Guru Achander alias Narayansingh, aged about 35 and a dentist by profession, the sole occupant of the room, sustained injuries all over the face and body and was immediately removed to the J. J. Hospital.

While Jitsingh was lying in the Hospital, the Maharbowrie Police applied for his remand into Police custody, he having been arrested on a charge under the Explosives Act, at the Girgaum Police Court, to-day.

Mr. Khambata, the Officiating Magistrate granted a remand for fourteen days in custody, pending further Police inquiries. Enquiries made among the Police reveal that several kinds of explosives were seized by the Maharbowrie Police soon after the explosion. They are now chemically testing these substances.

A. I. BODY FOR SUGAR INDUSTRY

Proposal Before Agricultural Research Council

SIMLA, May 4.

The Sugar Committee of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research concluded its session to-day. It is understood the Committee this afternoon considered in detail the proposal for creation of an All India Body to deal with sugar industry on the model of committees on jute, tea, cotton or coffee. It is understood that in view of the absence of growers' representatives the Committee decided to postpone final decision on the question until October. The existing Sugar Committee, whose life will expire at the end of June will therefore continue in being till October.

The Committee, it is understood also considered the proposal to take action against factories, which failed to supply returns. The Committee, it is believed, expressed the view that Rs. 500 should be fixed as penalty. As this proposal, however involved amendment of the Act, it is understood, the Committee recommended to Government to make suitable amendment.—A. P.

NEW MAYOR OF KARACHI

Mr. Durgadas Advani
Elected

KARACHI, May 4.

Mr. Durgadas B. Advani was elected Mayor of Karachi, this evening, defeating three other candidates including Mr. Laljee Mahrotta, a Congress leader.

Interviewed by the "United Press" immediately after the election, about his programme of work during the tenure of office as Mayor, Mr. Durgadas said that his first concern would be to tackle the problem of unemployment, clear slums in the city and solve the city's water supply problem.—United Press

BABA GURDITSINGH'S ELECTION PETITION

LAHORE, May 5.

Baba Gurditsingh, of Kamagata Maru fame, who contested the Amritsar Rural Sikh constituency in the Legislative Assembly elections on the Congress ticket, appeared before the election tribunal to-day, praying that the election of Mr. Partapsingh Kailash (Akali) be declared void on the ground that the respondent caused alleged false posters regarding Baba Gurditsingh to be broadcast at the time of the election and various alleged malpractices.—A. P.

CHOLERA HAVOC AT NASIK

NASIK, May 5.

Fresh attacks and deaths from cholera continue to occur. The municipal president has started an anti-cholera inoculation campaign and large number of people are being inoculated daily.—A. P.

RELIEF FOR FAMINE STRICKEN

Nawanagar Citizen's Offer
To Viramgam And
Dhandhuka

RAJKOT, (By Mail).

Mr. Chhaganlal Mody of Parevala in the Nawanagar State has resolved to provide free supplies of seeds for the famine-stricken cultivators of the Dhandhuka and Viramgam Talukas, who are desirous of raising vegetable crops to earn their livelihood in the prevailing period of scarcity and high prices of necessities. He has signified his readiness to relieve unemployment by finding avenues of employment for cultivators, agricultural labourers, carpenters, tailors and blacksmiths, who might have been thrown out of employment in their respective domiciles, should they decide to settle down at Parevala.—A. P.

ENHANCEMENT IN LAND REVENUE?

Sind Settlement Officials'
Recommendation

KARACHI, May 5.

The Associated Press understands that two settlement officials appointed by the Local Government to study the problem of Land Revenue Assessment have submitted their report, which will be placed before the Assembly for consideration during the budget session in next July.

The sessions is likely to last more than one month, when besides the budget proposals, non-official business will be transacted. The report of the settlement officials, it is learnt, proposes enhancement in existing rates of land revenue in respect of areas raising cotton and other crops, yielding an increase in revenue.

ACCOMMODATION QUESTION

The Accommodation Committee appointed for Sind Assembly finished its deliberations and the report is being circulated amongst the members for signature. The committee, it is understood, recommends that present Hall most suitable and convenient for holding the session and suggests alterations in seating arrangements in the hall providing the visitors' gallery with accommodation for about 70 to 80 persons.

Swami Kiyinananand (Congress) who was defeated in Sind Assembly elections filed an election petition against Mr. Akhji (Hindu Sabha) returned elected from Tharparkar South. The election petitions which now total nine are pending Government disposal.

Congress Leaders To Tour C. P.

JUBBULPORE, May 5.

To strengthen the Congress cause and to put before the people its point of view with regard to provincial legislatures, Seth Govind Dass M. L. A. and Pandit Dwarka Prasad Mishra have decided to tour extensively in Jubbulore District and address mass meetings in the rural areas.—United Press